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The entire **No Need For Tenchi!** crew return in this first volume of **The All-New Tenchi Muyō!** And guess what? Nothing much has changed!

Tenchi is back and so are his otherworldly housemates. There's Ryoko, the love-smitten space pirate, Ayaka and Sasami, royal princessas from planet Jurai, a carrot-topped super-genius named Washu, Mihoshi, the ditzy Galaxy Police officer, and a bioorganic fuzzy spaceship named Ryo-oh-ki. Together, this zany bunch battle evildoers from outer space in-between bouts of bickering and flirting.

In this collection, Ryoko decides to get a job, Tenchi and Ayaka go on a date and Sasami bakes a yummy carrot cake. Later, Mihoshi crashes her spacecraft into the lake (again) and Washu spoils a burglary attempt by a couple of nefarious newts. And in the book's final chapter, cute and tiny Ryo-oh-ki transforms herself into sexy and adult Ryo-oh-ki.

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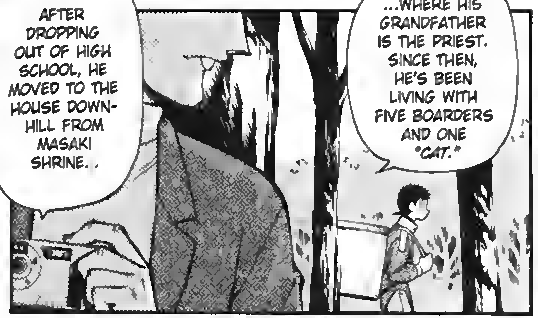
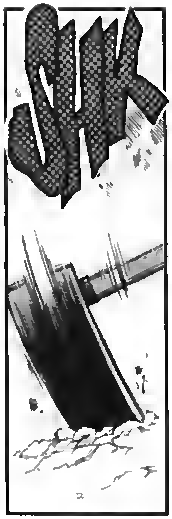
Chapter 1:
IN OUR LAST EPISODE...
THIS IS A STORY THAT TAKES PLACE ON EARTH...IN JAPAN...IN OKAYAMA...
...A STORY THAT IS SPECTACULAR IN SOME WAYS, AND AT THE SAME TIME QUITE ORDINARY.
AND ITS HERO'S NAME IS TENCHI MASAKI.
HEY! DON'T CALL HIM A MINOR CHARACTER! WE STILL NEED HIM!

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN...
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
KLOCHIK
THIS BOY IS THE TARGET-- TENCHI MASAKI


AFTER DROPPING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, HE MOVED TO THE HOUSE DOWN-HILL FROM MASAKI SHRINE.
...WHERE HIS GRANDFATHER IS THE PRIEST. SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN LIVING WITH FIVE BOARDERS AND ONE "CAT."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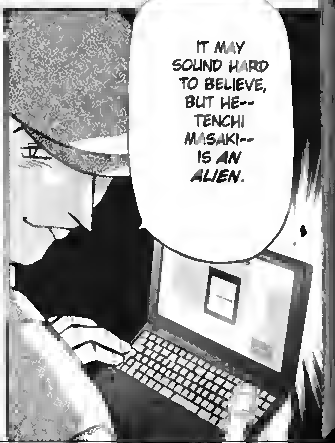
THESE "BOARDERS" WILL BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL SHORTLY...

SHK
SHK
SHK

SHK
SHK

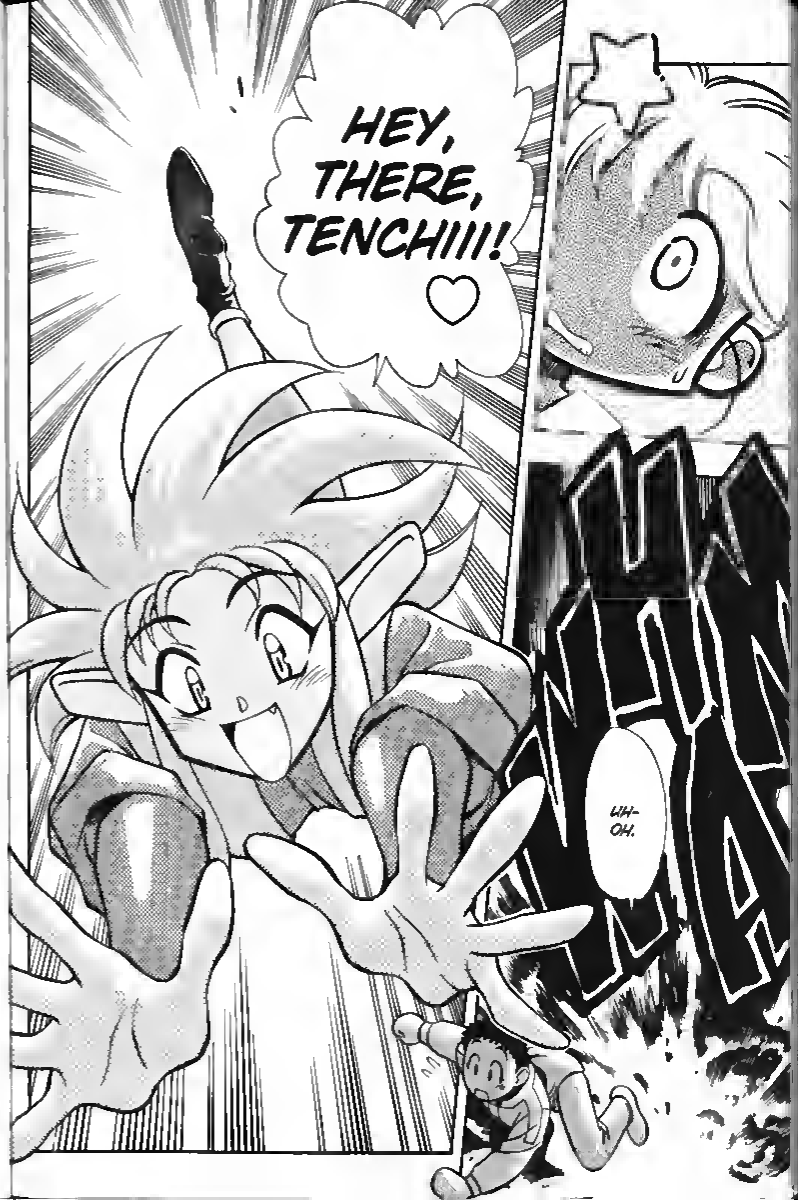
ONE VITAL NOTE...
...AND THIS IS THE PIVOTAL POINT OF THIS REPORT...

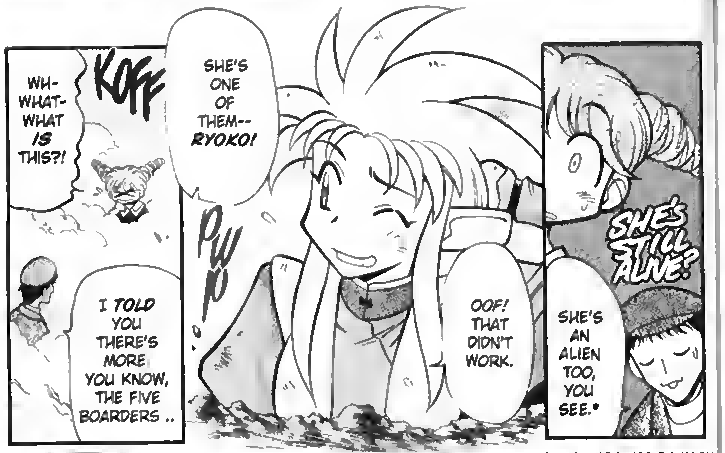

IT MAY SOUND HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT HE-- TENCHI MASAKI-- IS AN ALIEN.

TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, HE'S A QUARTER ALIEN...
. AND IT SEEMS HE IS DESCENDED FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY OF A PLANET CALLED JURAI...
HIS GRANDFATHER, KATSUHITO, WAS THE PRINCE IN LINE TO THE THRONE, BUT LEFT THE PLANET FOR SOME REASON...
.....
SO? DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT?
TAKKA TAKKA TAKKA

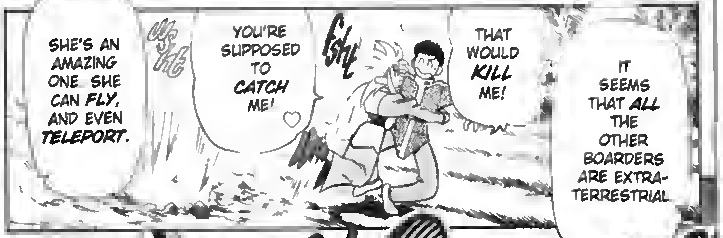
M-MISS! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
SHH! SHH!
...SO? SO? HAVE YOU DONE A GOOD SNOOP JOB?
I THINK MY FULL REPORT SHOULD ANSWER THAT QUESTION!
AND THIS YOUNG LADY IS THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT OF A TOP RANKING COMPANY...
...IN OTHER WORDS, NAIVE AND SPOILED THE BOY TENCHI SAVED HER FROM SOME BULLIES TWO WEEKS AGO--AND SHE PROMPTLY FELL IN LOVE.
Ooh! Data!
RATHER THAN STALK HIM HERSELF, SHE HIRED ME TO DO THE JOB!

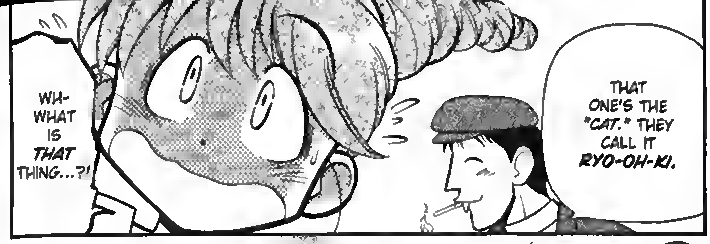
WHAA?!
WAS THAT.. SOME BIRD, A CROW?
SHH! QUIET DOWN, PLEASE
MMF
B-BUT THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!
PTOOEY! YOU'RE MAKING THIS ALL UP! AN ALIEN, OF ALL THINGS?!
I'M NOT MAKING IT UP! READ ON EVERY DETAIL IS VERIFIED...
...JUST TAKE A LOOK.
YOO, HOO!
WHOOSH!

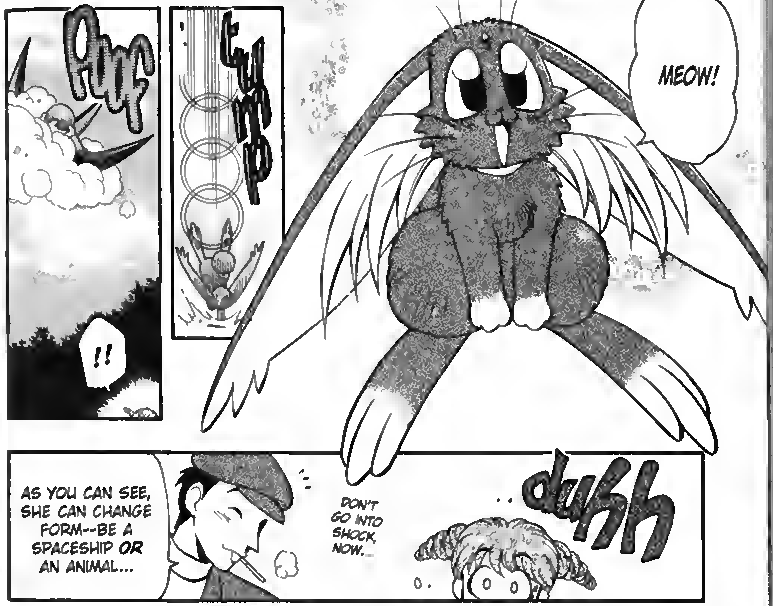

HEY, THERE, TENCHI!!!
UH-OH.
HUH

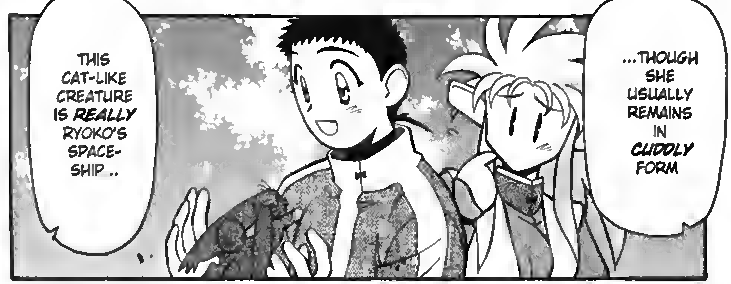

WH-WHAT-WHAT IS THIS?!
KOFF
SHE'S ONE OF THEM-- RYOKO!
PWU
I TOLD YOU THERE'S MORE YOU KNOW, THE FIVE BOARDERS ..
OOF! THAT DIDN'T WORK.
SHE'S STILL ALIVE!
SHE'S AN ALIEN TOO, YOU SEE.*

*ACTUALLY, AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM CREATED BY WASH


SHE'S AN AMAZING ONE. SHE CAN FLY, AND EVEN TELEPORT.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CATCH ME!
FSHL
THAT WOULD KILL ME!
IT SEEMS THAT ALL THE OTHER BOARDERS ARE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL



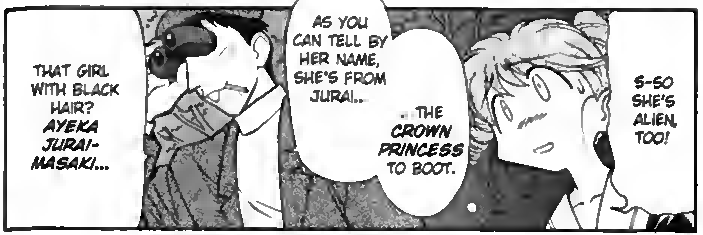




OKAY, YOU GUYS! DINNER'S READY!
EVERY ONE IS AN ALIEN.
Let's eat!
grrrrm
OH! IT ALL LOOKS SO GOOD...
BUT.. NONE OF THIS..
YOU'VE SEEN HER-- DO YOU BUY THE REST?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN GETTING AT...
HEY! YOU MEAN THE OTHER BOARDERS ARE ..
BUT LET'S GET BACK TO THE BOARDERS-- THEY GET EVEN MORE INTERESTING. RYOKO IS THE STRONGEST EXTRATERRESTRIAL AMONG THEM BY FAR. IT'D PROBABLY BE BEYOND THE POWER OF EARTH'S TECHNOLOGY TO DESTROY HER.
SHE'S HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH THE TARGET--AND IS VERY POSSESSIVE.

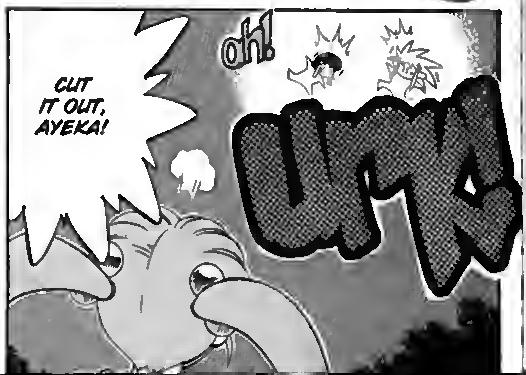
I TOLD HER STAKE OUTS WERE HUNGRY WORK...
POWER BARS-- WANT SOME?
WHAT IS THAT?
GRRR

SMASH
PREPARE YOURSELF, DEMON GIRL!
HAH!
KWOOM
PRETTY GOOD, MISSY!
!!
KA
BOOM

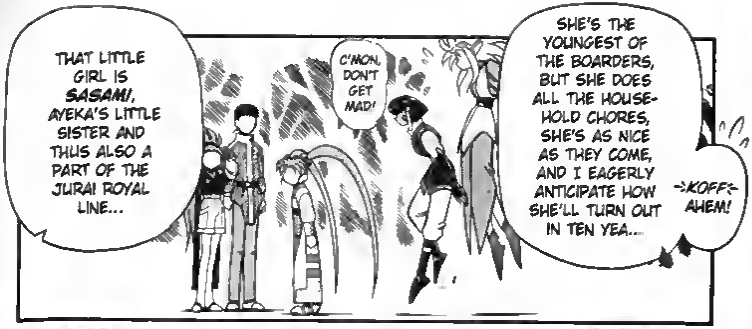

S-SO SHE'S ALIEN, TOO!
AS YOU CAN TELL BY HER NAME, SHE'S FROM JURAI...
...THE CROWN PRINCESS TO BOOT.
THAT GIRL WITH BLACK HAIR? AYEKA JURAI-MASAKI...

SHE FOLLOWED HER FIANCÉ TO EARTH...
...BUT SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH TENCHI MASAKI-- SO NOW SHE AND RYOKO ARE RIVALS.
AYEKA CAN BE A LITTLE ARROGANT-- MOST PRINCESSES HAVE A STREAK OF THAT IN THEM...
...BUT SHE'S VERY PURE IN HEART.

BUT I HAVE YOUTH ON MY SIDE!
I'M THE BEST OF ALL THREE!


CUT IT OUT, AYEKA!
oh!
UM

IF YOU KEEP FIGHTING, THERE'LL BE NO DINNER!
gack
NO WAY!!
S-SASAMI, WE'RE JUST BONDING... YOU KNOW, A GIRLISH RITUAL!
Y-YEAH, BONDING-- EXACTLY!

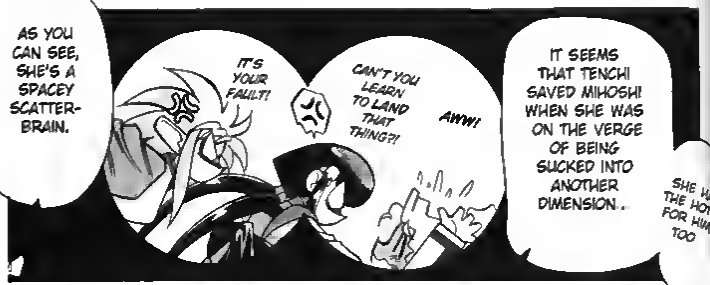

THAT LITTLE GIRL IS SASAMI, AYEKA'S LITTLE SISTER AND THUS ALSO A PART OF THE JURAI ROYAL LINE...
C'MON, DON'T GET MAD!
SHE'S THE YOUNGEST OF THE BOARDERS, BUT SHE DOES ALL THE HOUSE-HOLD CHORES, SHE'S AS NICE AS THEY COME, AND I EAGERLY ANTICIPATE HOW SHE'LL TURN OUT IN TEN YEA...
-KOFF- AHEM!

BUT SHE'S NOT JUST ANY GIRL... OH, NO!
tee hee
IT'S OKAY!
THERE'S A WATCHFUL, GIVING SPIRIT CALLED TSUNAMI FLOATING AROUND HER, EVER-PRESENT...*

*THE PROGENITOR OF THE SENTIENT ROYAL TREES OF JURAI

KA-RAN
OW! IT HURTS!
MIHOSHI!
ARE YOU OKAY?
SO... THAT'S EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM...
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A REAL LIVE SPACE COP!
HER NAME IS MIHOSHI KURAMITSU. IT SEEMS THERE'S A GALACTIC POLICE FORCE OUT THERE, AND SHE'S ONE OF ITS OFFICERS.

NO!
THE EXTRA HELPING SASAMI GAVE ME...!
GREAT!
MIHOSHI, NOT AGAIN!
FIP
FIP
FIP
SWOOTCH
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
AW
I SAW THAT!
SHE HAS AN ALIAS--AND AN APT ONE. "THE ACCIDENTAL GENIUS."
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, HUH?
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!
STOP IT! YOU'RE SPOILING MY DINNER!
MIHOSHI HAS A KNACK FOR DOING INCREDIBLE THINGS WITHOUT INTENDING TO...
FOR GOOD OR ILL..
GRR
ARGH

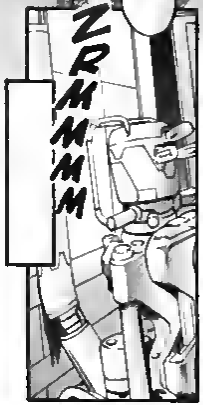

AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE'S A SPACEY SCATTER-BRAIN.
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
CAN'T YOU LEARN TO LAND THAT THING?!
AWW!
IT SEEMS THAT TENCHI SAVED MIHOSHI WHEN SHE WAS ON THE VERGE OF BEING SUCKED INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION..
SHE WA THE HOT FOR HUM TOO

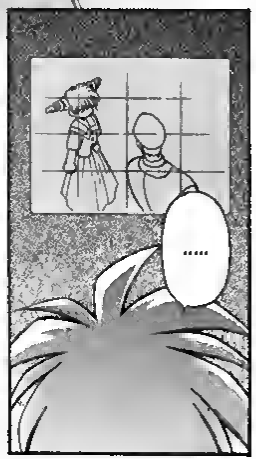
I'M AFRAID NONE OF THEM MAKE MUCH SENSE...
I WON'T LOSE TO THEM!
rmb rmb rmb rmb
EARTH!
WHO CARES IF THEY'RE ALIENS?! THIS IS EARTH! IT'S BETTER FOR TENCHI TO MARRY SOMEONE FROM HIS HOME PLANET!

RIGHT?! DON'T YOU AGREE?!
WHOA! TH-THERE'S ONE MORE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER...

THANKS, SASAMI DINNER WAS GREAT AS USUAL!
I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT!
T...
20,000?!
SLAM
SHE'S A SUPER GENIUS WHO USED TO WORK AT THE GALACTIC ACADEMY RESEARCH FACILITY.
SHE LOOKS LIKE A KID, BUT I HEAR SHE'S LIVED FOR MORE THAN 20,000 YEARS..
THE ONE WITH RED HAIR, WASHU HAKUBI, FINISHES THE LIST.

WASHU TOOK AN INTEREST IN THE BOY AFTER A CERTAIN INCIDENT.
...AND SHE'S BEEN AROUND EVER SINCE.


MMMMM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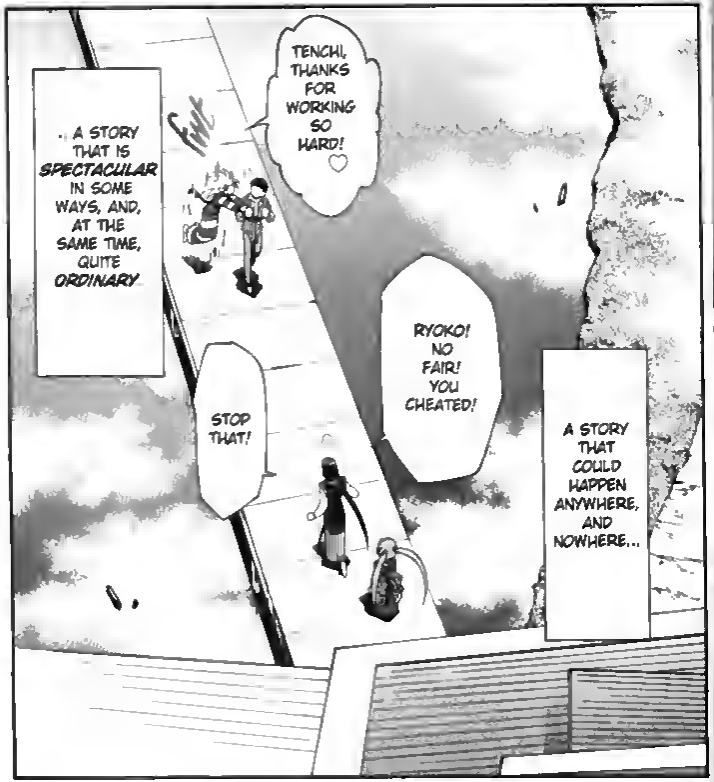
HMM. THIS CAN'T BE GOOD.
ACCESS RETRIEVAL UNIT. GET ME THE DATA FROM HIS NOTEBOOK.
RIGHT AWAY.
VRRR
CRR
R
bl ip
!
WOW! HOW DID HE FIND OUT ALL THIS?
WE'LL HAVE TO WORK ON OUR SECURITY SYSTEM, PRONTO.
AT LEAST THE DATA HASN'T BEEN UPLOADED ANYWHERE.
AND IN THAT CASE ..
..I'LL HAVE TO DO IT!
ALL RIGHT!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
HUH?
I WON'T LET THEM GET THE BEST OF ME!
I WILL PROTECT TENCHI!
tea-dea
LET'S GO HOME AND SET UP A PLAN! C'MON!
SKETCH
...
SORRY, BUT THIS IS WHERE WE PART WAYS..
HUH?

THIS LITTLE STORY'LL BRING ME LOADS OF MONEY!
!
WH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU LITTLE RICH GIRLS ARE ALL ALIKE-- SO NAIVE...
THIS TALE IS GOLD!
WHAT I HAVE HERE IS PROOF POSITIVE THAT ALIEN LIFE FORMS ARE LIVING AMONG US! THE PRESS IS GOING TO HAVE A FIELD DAY!
IF I PUBLISH A BOOK ABOUT IT, I CAN LIVE OFF THE ROYALTIES FOREVER!
I CAN JUST SEE MY ROSY FUTURE NOW! OH!
WOO HOO!
YOU CAN'T!
THAT WOULD CAUSE TENCHI ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS!
YOU SAID IT!
I'D LIKE IT IF YOU WOULD LEAVE US ALONE-- STARTING NOW.
WHO...
WHO'S THERE?!

LET'S GET STARTED!
SORRY ABOUT THIS!
FSSHT
DELETE
DELETE
NOW DON'T YOU TWO WORRY-- I ERASED ONLY THE MEMORIES THAT HAD TO DO WITH US
YOU CAN'T! THAT'LL CAUSE TENCHI ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS!
I WISH...
...I DIDN'T HAVE TO...

...HMM?
OH!
YOU'VE COME TO!
I'M...
...AT THE PARK?
YEAH.
FOR A WHILE YOU WOULDN'T WAKE UP, SO I WAS WORRIED...
MISS!
THERE YOU ARE!
Y-YOU WERE LOOKING AFTER ME...?
?
OH
01

I LOVE YOU!
WHOA!
WH-WHAT A FICKLE GIRL SHE TURNED OUT TO BE!
HEH HEH
WELL...
I'M GLAD I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD TO WORRY
OOF!
UFF!
WASHU, ARE YOU THERE?
TENCHI'S FINALLY COME BACK FROM HIS FIELD-WORK!
IS THAT SO?
I GUESS I'LL GO WITH YOU TO GREET HIM, TOO...
THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN OKAYAMA...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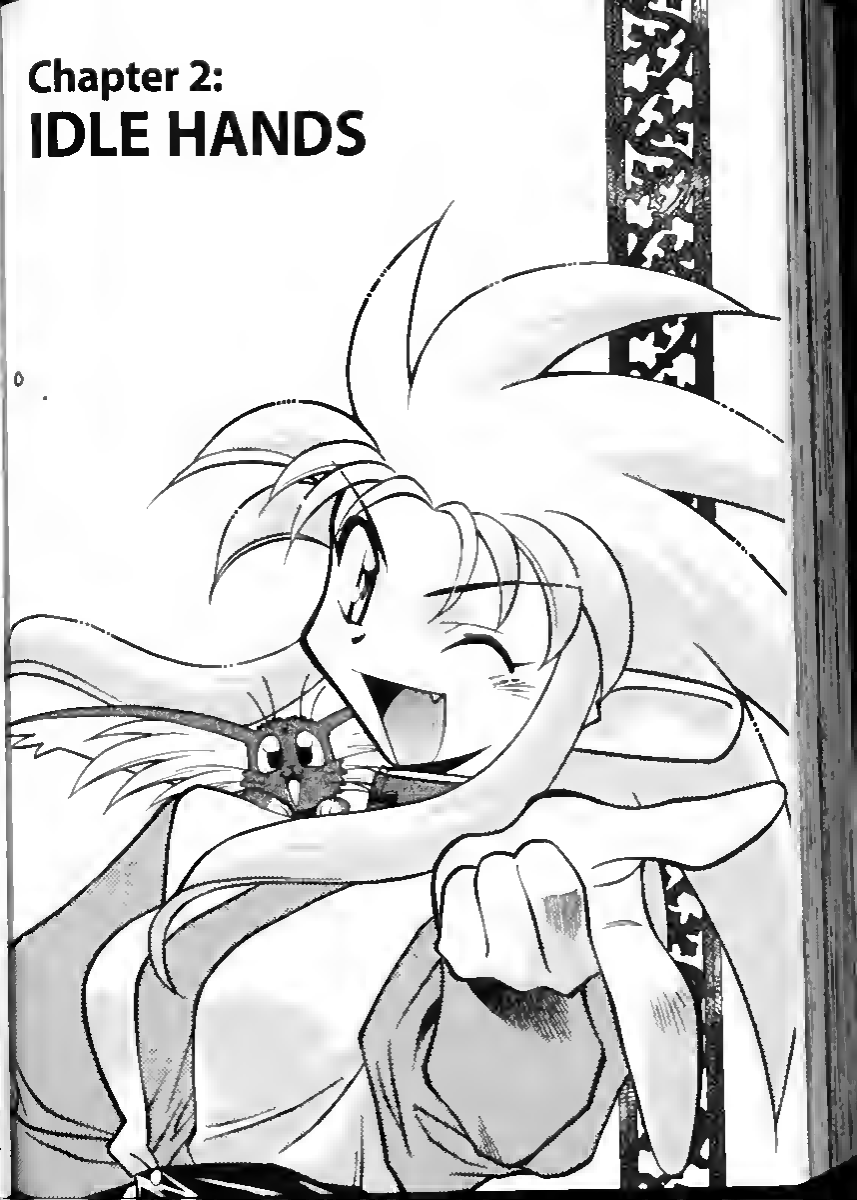
TENCHI, THANKS FOR WORKING SO HARD! ♡
STOP THAT!
RYOKO! NO FAIR! YOU CHEATED!
A STORY THAT COULD HAPPEN ANYWHERE, AND NOWHERE...

Chapter 2:
IDLE HANDS



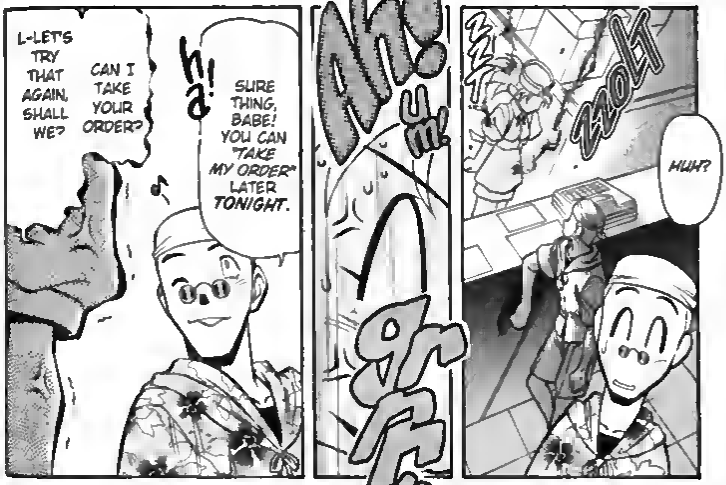
RYOKO!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!
HRRM?
HEY, KIDS, REMEMBER-- THE MINIMUM DRINKING AGE IS 21! (RYOKO IS OVER 800 SO...)
WHAT'S YOUR BEEF NOW, AYEKA?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE DRINKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY! THIS IS A COMIC FOR ADOLESCENTS!
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT "IDLE HANDS ARE THE DEVIL'S WORK-SHOP"?
NOPE, NEVER HEARD SUCH A THING.
..I SEE -SIGH-
FINE, FINE, FINE SEE IF I CARE.
IT MUST BE ROUGH ON LORD TENCHI-- SLAVING AWAY TO SUPPORT A DO-NOTHING FREELOADER...
GUESS I'M NOT THAT PRODUCTIVE, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
TENCHI WORKS IN THE FIELDS SO WE HAVE FOOD ON THE TABLE.
WASHU'S ALWAYS DOING SOME KIND OF RESEARCH-- AND MIHOSHI'S WITH THE GALAXY POLICE.
SASAMI TAKES CARE OF ALL THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES.
EVEN AYEKA HELPS OUT WITH THE LAUNDRY AM I REALLY JUST A LOAFER?

THWACK THWACK
PHEW!
.....
TENCHI'S QUITE A GUY... ALWAYS WORKING HARD FOR EVERYONE.
MUST BE ROUGH ON LORD TENCHI--SLAVING AWAY TO SUPPORT A DO-NOTHING FREELOADER...
Fip Fop
HUH?

BIG
..OH
THAT WAS CLOSE.
WHAMMM
WOULD'VE HIT ME IF I HADN'T PULLED BACK IN TIME.
OOPS! LOST THE BLADE...
THIS HOE IS REALLY FALLING APART.
FWIP
THAT REALLY GAVE ME A SCARE.
BUT YOU KNOW...
...MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE THIS A TRY MYSELF.

AND SO...
IS THIS NEW GIRL REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE CUTE?
LET'S CHECK HER OUT!
HELLO!
WELCOME TO MCDONALD'S! HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
SEE?
SEE?
WOOH! WOO!
NOW THAT'S A HOTTIE!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT TODAY?
HEH, HEH! GIRL, YOU'RE TALKIN' MY LANGUAGE! WHAT TIME DO YOU GET OFF WORK?
CUZ YOU'RE ON MY MENU!
ha


L-LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN, SHALL WE?
CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
SURE THING, BABE! YOU CAN "TAKE MY ORDER" LATER TONIGHT.
Oh! um
grrr...
not
MUH?

BOOKOFF
YOU ARE SOME JERK!
WHY DON'T YOU GO SCREW YOURSELF!
R-RYOKO...
Y-YOU'RE FIRED
ZZZT!

HELLO, THERE!
HERE, LET ME EMPTY THAT ASHTRAY FOR YOU! ♡
WHY, THANK YOU!
SURE!
BZZZZ
URGH! SHOO! SHOO, FLY, SHOO!
DANGER
UH-OH...
BOOS

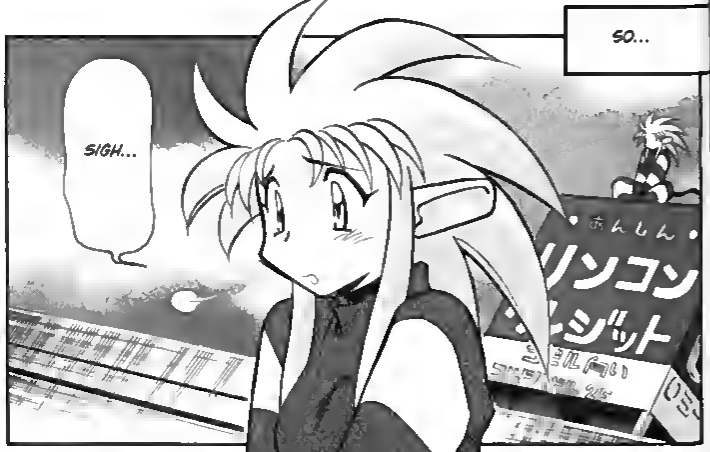
KABOOOOOM

AT LEAST I TRIED...
...BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT LEAVING A PATH OF DESTRUCTION...

KAN! THIS IS RECKLESS! DON'T DO IT!

I'M FINE! DON'T MIND ME!
NO WAY! YOU HAVE A 102° FEVER!
WINDOW WASHING A HIGH-RISE IS DANGEROUS BUSINESS!

IF I TAKE A DAY OFF, I'LL GET FIRED.
KOFF
KOFF
MY GRAND KID...
I MADE A PRO-MISE!


SIGH...
SO...

JUST LET ME GO!
swing
HUH...?

AAAAH!!
OH, NO!
THIS WILL BE UGLY!
WHAM
YOU'RE A PRETTY STRONG GIRL THERE, MISS!
UNTIE ME! UNTIE ME NOW!
WE SAID YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT
YOUR GRAND KID WANTS TO GO TO THE THEME PARK?
KOF!
KOF!
I PROMISED I'D TAKE HER BEFORE SUMMER VACATION'S OVER.
SHOULDA SEEN HER FACE-- SO EXCITED...
KOF!
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY, DUDE?
HUH?
SHE LOST BOTH HER PARENTS AT A YOUNG AGE, AND I'VE BEEN BRINGING HER UP BY MYSELF.
BUT I FEEL SO BAD FOR HER...
.....
IF I CAN'T DO MY JOB, I'LL BE FIRED I'LL HAVE TO BREAK MY PROMISE, DESTROY HER ONE LITTLE DREAM...
SOB

WELL...
"IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND," AS THEY SAY.
HUH?
YOU WANT TO DO WHAT?!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
YOU GUYS HAVE TO GO WASH ANOTHER BUILDING, RIGHT? LEAVE THIS ONE TO US.
TRUST ME--I'M GOOD WITH HEIGHTS.
F-FINE! I'LL LET YOU HELP ME...
HMPH!
BOY, YOU'RE A PROUD ONE..
...BUT THAT'S OKAY. LOOK, I WANNA ASK YOU SOME-THING...

WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN SO RECKLESS, EVEN IF YOU HADN'T MADE THAT PROMISE?
...
GOOD QUESTION. DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LOVE?
pa-pam
WH-WHAT? WH-WHY, I...
THEN I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.
LOVE IS NEVER ABOUT LOGIC!
YOU FEEL LIKE YOU COULD DO ANYTHING FOR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT...
THAT'S HOW LOVE IS.
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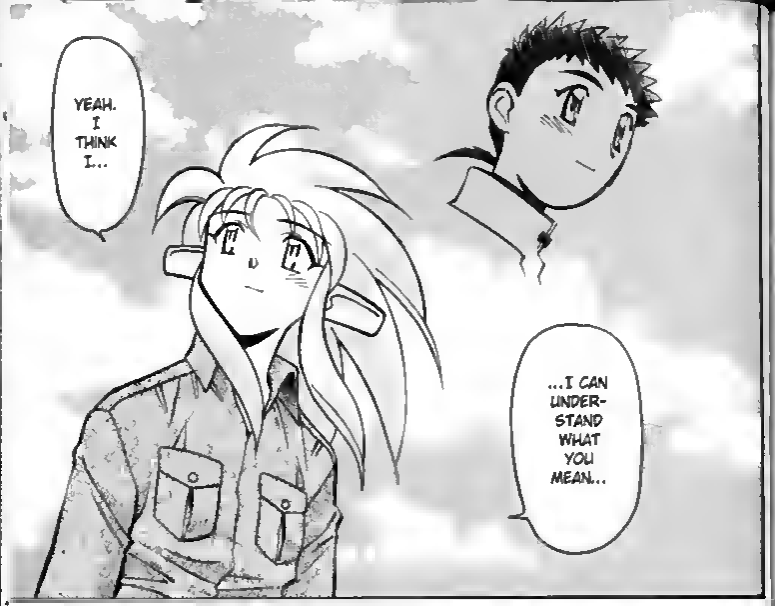

YEAH. I THINK I...
...I CAN UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN...

...BUT YOU'RE BEING SO CLUMSY ABOUT IT!
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, DAMMIT!

KAIN, YOU'RE FIRED.
BOSS

HUH?
BUT...

BUT, BOSS-- HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!
WE FINISHED THE BUILDING ON SCHEDULE BECAUSE SHE HELPED ME OUT! WE GOT THE JOB DONE! WH-WHY...
H-HEY! DON'T SPIT AT ME!
WHAM
SOFT

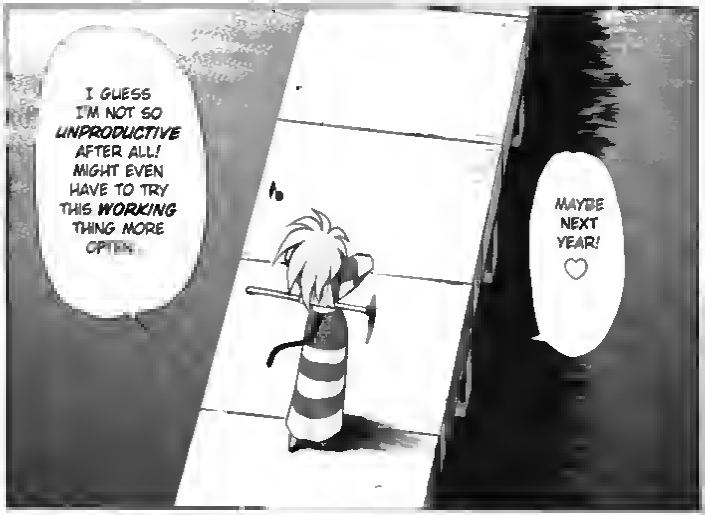
SURE, YOU GOT IT DONE!
PUFF
THAT'S THE PROBLEM. YOU BROUGHT IN AN UNINSURED PERSON TO HELP YOU! WHAT IF THERE'D BEEN AN ACCIDENT, HUH?
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET YOU GO.

FWD...
HMM?
heh!

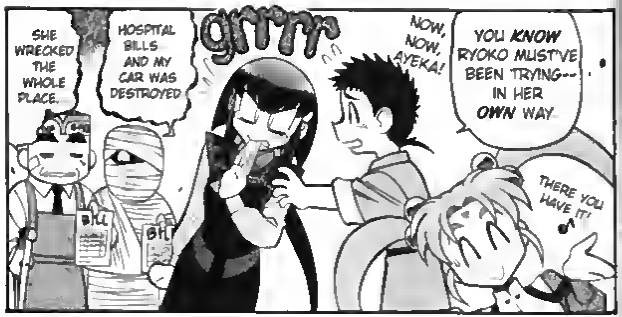
KA
SMASH
CALL THE COPS...
A..
C-C...
TH--THIS ONE'S GONE CRAZY ON M--ME!
WE CLEANED IT TOP TO BOTTOM, WITHOUT A HITCH!
SO DON'T GIVE US CRAP ABOUT YOUR SILLY PAPERWORK!

WE AGREE WITH THE CRAZY GIRL!
IF YOU FIRE KAN, THEN WE'RE ALL GOING TO QUIT!
!!!!!
Y-YOU GUYS... WOULD DO THAT?
WHA...?!
Y-YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING! THAT WOULD RUIN THE COMPANY!
THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SWALLOW OUR DEMANDS, BOSS...
WMSH
UH.

I'M AWFUL SORRY YOU GOT DRAGGED INTO THIS WHOLE MESS.
HERE-- FOR YOUR WORK. IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT...
THAT'S OKAY I JUST WANTED TO HELP OUT.
KEEP IT FOR YOUR GRAND KID.
IT'S MORE THAN YOU THINK..
THE WHOLE GANG CHIPPED IN. WE ALL GOT A NICE BOOST IN PAY OUTTA THIS!
SPEND IT WISELY. GET A NICE PRESENT.. FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE!



MEAN-WHILE, AT THE MASAKI HOUSE-HOLD...


SHE WRECKED THE WHOLE PLACE.
HOSPITAL BILLS AND MY CAR WAS DESTROYED
grrrr
NOW, NOW, AYEKA!
YOU KNOW RYOKO MUST'VE BEEN TRYING--- IN HER OWN WAY.
THERE YOU HAVE IT!

Chapter 3:
THE BIG DATE

I HAVE LORD TENCHI ALL TO MYSELF TODAY-- ON A DATE! ♡
SHAKE
SHAKE
HI, LORD TENCHI! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
HA... HA, HA

THE START OF THIS STORY GOES BACK A FEW DAYS...
A FREE INVITATION TO VISIT A POSH, FIVE-STAR HOTEL-- AND SPEND THE DAY POOLSIDE?!

MMM-HMM! I'M AFRAID UJIKO CAN'T MAKE IT...
Invitation
...SO I THINK YOU GUYS SHOULD MAKE USE OF IT.

THAT'LL BE A FUN CHANGE OF PACE.
WE CAN DRINK, TOO.
IS ALCOHOL ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT?
Yippee

SINCE THERE ARE ONLY TWO TICKETS...
FUMSH
!

Invitation

KA-KRASH

MINE! GIVE IT HERE!
OH, NO, YOU DON'T!
YOU TWO JUST NEVER CHANGE, HUH?

WE'LL LEAVE IT TO THE LUCK OF THE DRAW...
SQUK

NOT A WORD FROM THE LOSER...
...AND NO CHASING THE WINNER!

OH, ALL RIGHT! FINE!
GET ON WITH IT!

HATE TO ASK, BUT...
...WHAT ABOUT WHAT I WANT...?
Lottery for Tenchi!!
GRAND PRIZE
WE IGNORE IT, OF COURSE! ♡

DAMN! I DREW A BLANK!
URGH
AWW, ME TOO! AND I WANTED TO GO!
AYEKA, WHAT ARE YOU--?
sit
fast

I WANT GOD ON MY SIDE!
READY WHEN YOU ARE!
ta
da!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE A DEEPLY DISTURBED WOMAN, LADY AYEKA
REALLY? DO YOU THINK SO?
poik
HERE WE GO...

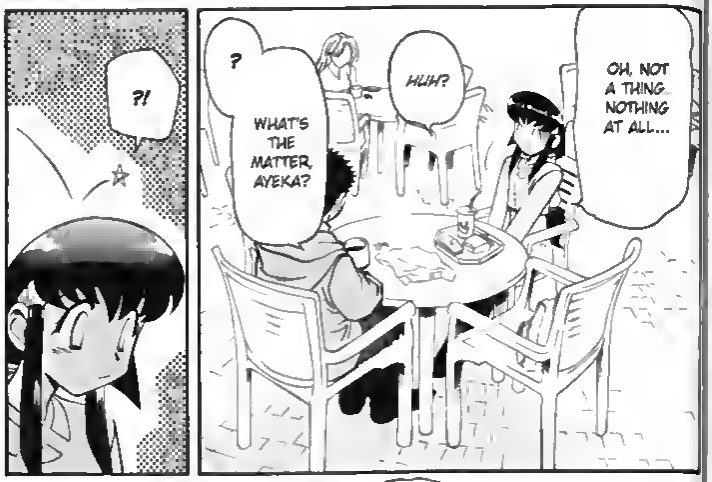
I-I DID IT! LOOK HERE! I WON!
Invitation
AYEKA IS THE WINNER! AYEKA IS THE WINNER!
DAMN IT!
NOW, NOW

AND THAT'S HOW ALL MY PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED!

sploorsh

Soo
AYEKA, YOU'RE A REALLY GOOD SWIMMER.
OH, BUT NOT AS GOOD AS YOU, LORD TENCHI.
SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY. GLAD I CAME.
ALTHOUGH IT MAKES ME SELF-CONSCIOUS TO CALL IT "A DATE"...
MEAN-WHILE, BACK AT THE MASAKI HOUSE..
tip tip tip

SO, YOU GOING OUT SOMEPLACE, RYOKO?
URK
ARGH!
SHUT UP! LEAVE ME ALONE!
FWIP
CHIK
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE.
GYAAA!
BOP!
ZAP!
← ELECTRONET
YOU KNEW THE RULES GOING IN..
NO CHASING AFTER THE WINNER! A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!
I can't let Tenchi fall into Ayeka's clutches!
ZZP
ZZZT!
AYEKA, YOU NIT-WIT! (SOB!)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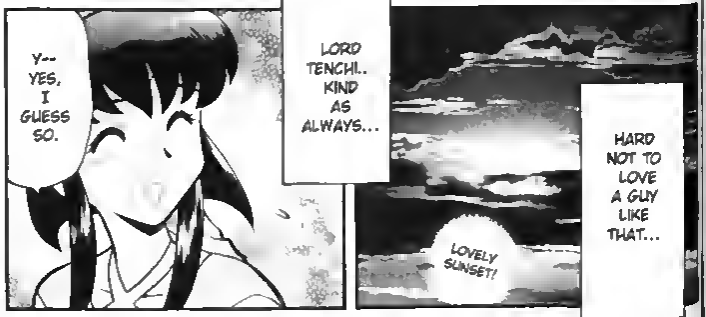
?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AYEKA?
HUH?
OH, NOT A THING. NOTHING AT ALL...

I JUST... FELT AN UNPLEASANT THOUGHT DIRECTED AT ME
COULD IT BE RYOKO...?
RYOKO? HA, HA! NO WAY.
SHE'S NOT HERE-- THAT WAS THE PROMISE.


Y-- YES, I GUESS SO.
LORD TENCHI.. KIND AS ALWAYS...
LOVELY SUNSET!
HARD NOT TO LOVE A GUY LIKE THAT...

WELL, I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD GET OURSELVES HOME--BEFORE EVERYONE STARTS TO WORRY ABOUT US.

OH! YEAH..
IT'S LATE ALREADY

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
I WISH WE COULD STAY HERE FOREVER...
..GO AWAY, THE TWO OF US, AND NEVER COME BACK...

...BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SELFISH...

...
HEY! WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK, AYEKA?
OH! UM... JUST A THOUGHT...
UM.. WELL, ER..
FORGIVE ME FOR THIS, GOD...
L-LORD TENCHI, MAYBE..
..BUT PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE SELFISH THIS ONE TIME.
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
PAPOOM

UM.. I...
UH
M-MY HEART WANTS TO EXPLODE
PLEASE GOD... GIVE ME...
GIVE ME COURAGE...!
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
PAPOOM
MAY I...
MAY I TAKE YOUR ARM--
OOM

KRSH ROOOSH

HUH...?!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
C'MON! HOP IN--QUICK!

A-AYEKA, ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?!
SRSHSH
IT'S A ROBBERY! A BANK ROBBERY!
WATCH OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN ON HIM!

.....

VROOOOM
CRASH!
ZOOM

HOW... DARE THEY...
RUIN MY SWEET MOMENT WITH LORD TENCHI...?!
GRR
RRRR

A-- AYEKA... WHAT ARE YOU...?!
VROOOOM

ALL RIGHT! ALMOST DONE!

NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS SWITCH OVER TO THE OTHER STOLEN CAR, AND WE'RE HOME FREE!
SNIP

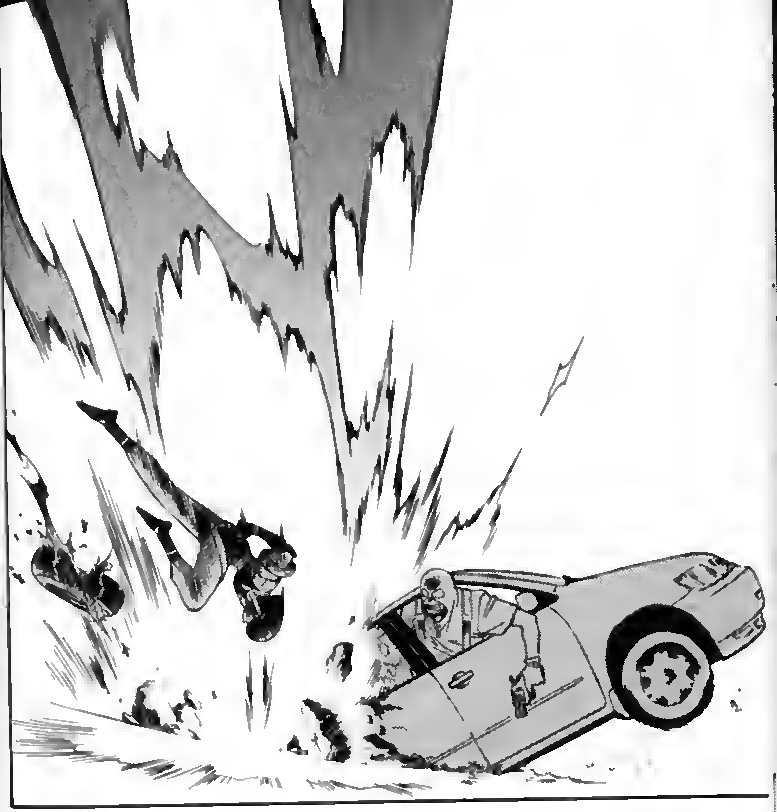
HMM?

GACK!!
SH--SHE CAN FLY?!
LIKE THEY SAY ON EARTH--
ANYONE WHO THWARTS A MAIDEN TRUE OF HEART SHOULD LOSE HIS HORSE AND SLEEP IN IT!
YEIN HEAR THAT ONE EVERY DAY!

DAMN! I DUNNO WHAT'S GOIN' ON, BUT IF THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES--!
CHAK
H-HEY! I DON'T NEED NO MURDER RAP!

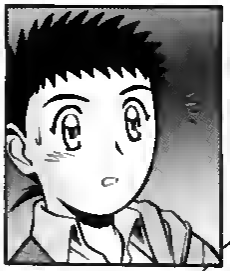
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
NAH.
N-- NO WAY

TIME YOU HAD A TASTE...
...OF TRUE LOVE'S FURY!



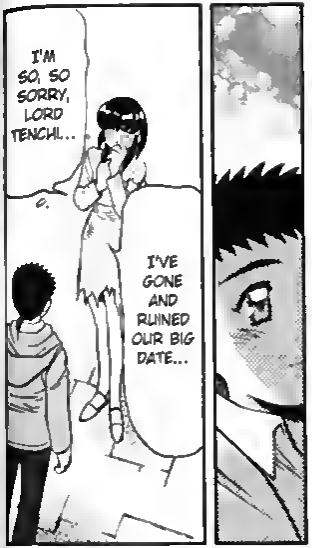
OHHH.. OH.. OH.. OH..
KABOOM

HEY! WHAT WAS THAT?
W--WAS THAT GIRL FLYING?

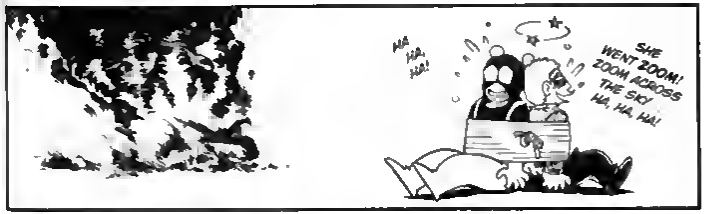


Fuloomp!

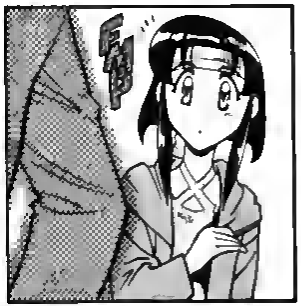
Sniff

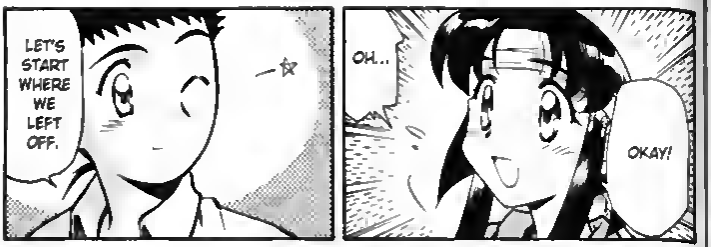

I'M SO, SO SORRY, LORD TENCHI...
I'VE GONE AND RUINED OUR BIG DATE...

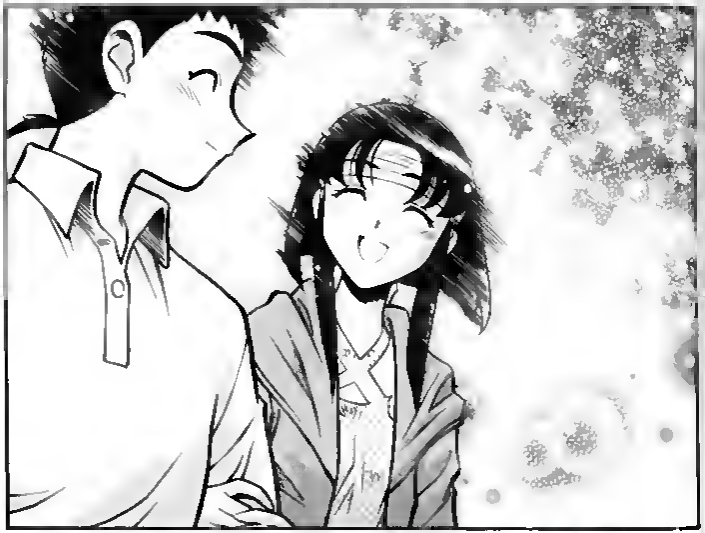
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT. YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR AN ACCIDENT.
BUT... BUT, I...
sniff!
sniff! sniff!


HA, HA, HA!
SHE WENT ZOOM! ZOOM ACROSS THE SKY! HA, HA, HA!

IT'S OKAY. REALLY. LET'S GO HOME, AYEKA
OH... OKAY
KADOKAWA

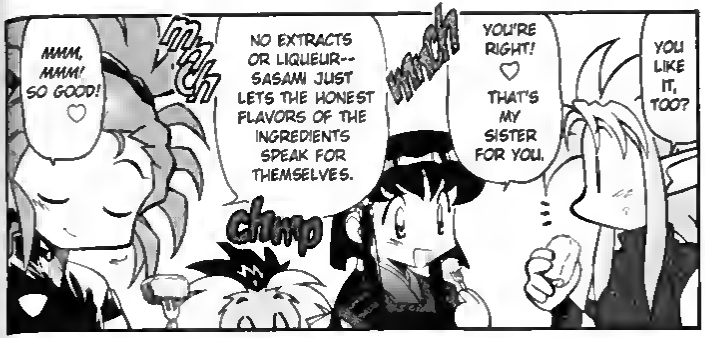


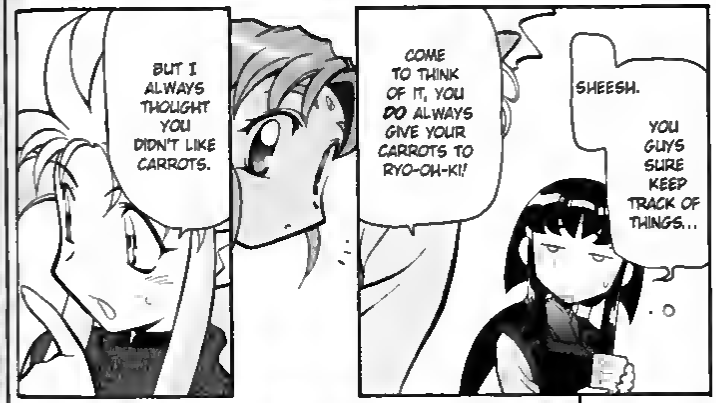




Chapter 4:
A CARROT A DAY

HEY, YOU GUYS!
READY TO HAVE A QUICK SNACK?
THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
OMIGOSH! WE'RE IN LUCK TODAY! IT'S MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE!
THE BEST CARROT CAKE IN THE WORLD!
YOU SAY THAT ABOUT EVERY-THING.


MMM, MMM! SO GOOD!
NO EXTRACTS OR LIQUEUR-- SASAMI JUST LETS THE HONEST FLAVORS OF THE INGREDIENTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S MY SISTER FOR YOU.
YOU LIKE IT, TOO?

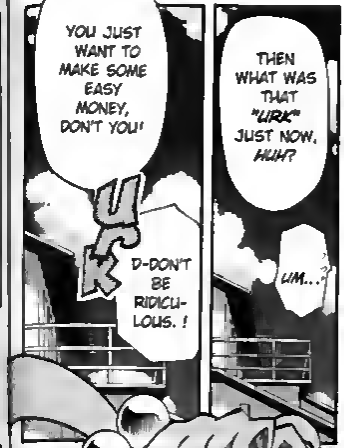

BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE CARROTS.
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU DO ALWAYS GIVE YOUR CARROTS TO RYO-OH-KI!
SHEESH.
YOU GUYS SURE KEEP TRACK OF THINGS...

SURE, I MAY NOT LIKE CARROTS..
...BUT THE CARROT CAKE THAT SASAMI MAKES... WELL, IT'S JUST DIFFERENT, THAT'S ALL...

♪ IT'S A SECRET!
WHAT? WHY? HOW COME?

SPEAKING OF SASAMI'S CARROT CAKES...
THAT WAS SWEET--AND SHE TOLD ME THAT TARO REALLY LOVED IT...
HEE, HEE! I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT.
...YOU SENT ONE OF THESE TO THAT LADY... TARO'S MOM.. DIDN'T YOU?
OH! I SURE DID!

I KNOW I'M BIASED, BUT THIS CAKE IS PERFECT.
I BET YOU COULD MARKET IT.
OOH, OOH! I KNOW!
I CAN HELP! I'LL BE YOUR MANAGER, SASAMI! HOW ABOUT IT?

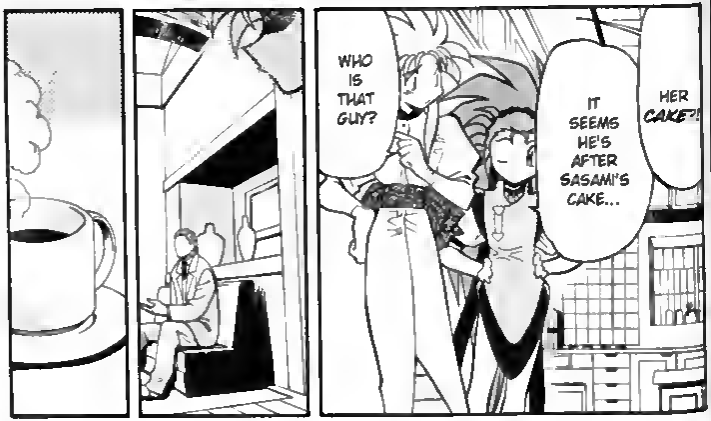

YOU JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME EASY MONEY, DON'T YOU!
UK
D-DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS. !
THEN WHAT WAS THAT "URK" JUST NOW, HUH?
UM...?

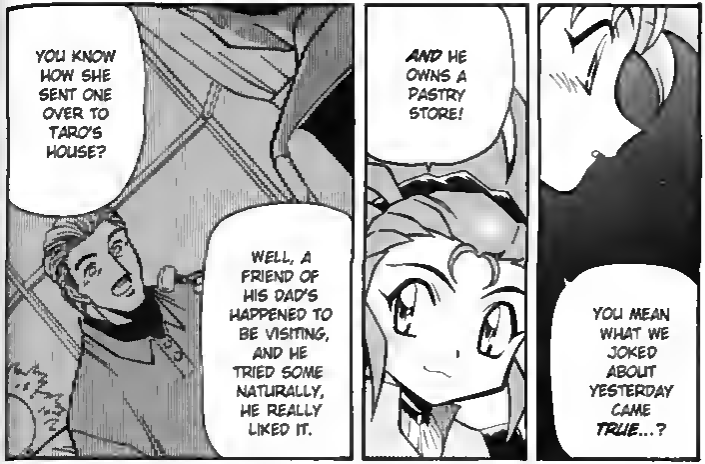
SWUP
WUP

?

EXCUSE ME...
..BUT MIGHT YOU BE SASAMI MASAKI?

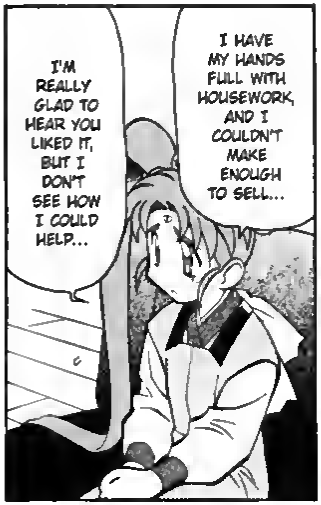
UM, YES.. THAT'S ME. I'M SASAMI..
MAY I HELP YOU ...?

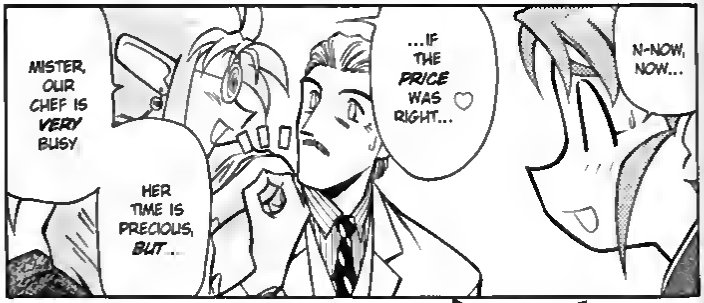

WHO IS THAT GUY?
IT SEEMS HE'S AFTER SASAMI'S CAKE...
HER CAKE?!


YOU KNOW HOW SHE SENT ONE OVER TO TARO'S HOUSE?
WELL, A FRIEND OF HIS DAD'S HAPPENED TO BE VISITING, AND HE TRIED SOME NATURALLY, HE REALLY LIKED IT.
AND HE OWNS A PASTRY STORE!
YOU MEAN WHAT WE JOKED ABOUT YESTERDAY CAME TRUE...?

SO YOU WANT TO SELL MY CARROT CAKES...
...AT YOUR STORE?

THAT'S RIGHT! OF COURSE, WE TRIED TO DO IT OUR-SELVES..
...BUT WE COULDN'T QUITE REPRODUCE YOUR FLAVOR SUCH A TRICKY RECIPE...
WE JUST HAVE TO SHARE THAT SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE WITH OUR CUSTOMERS!

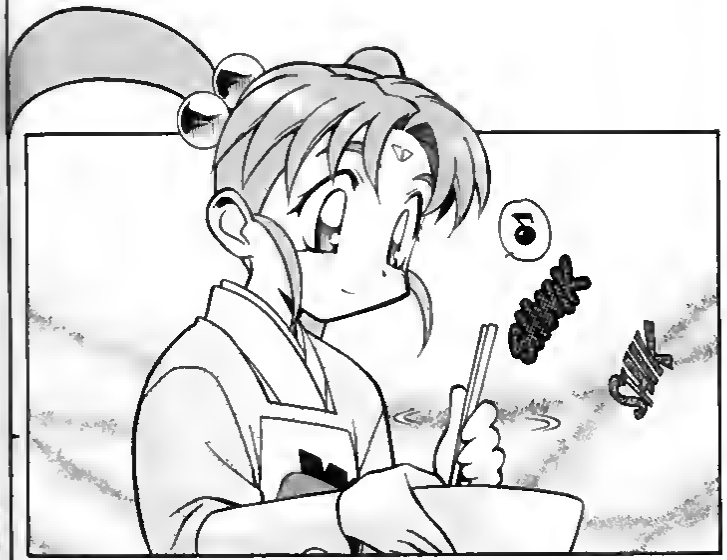

I'M REALLY GLAD TO HEAR YOU LIKED IT, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW I COULD HELP...
I HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH HOUSEWORK, AND I COULDN'T MAKE ENOUGH TO SELL...

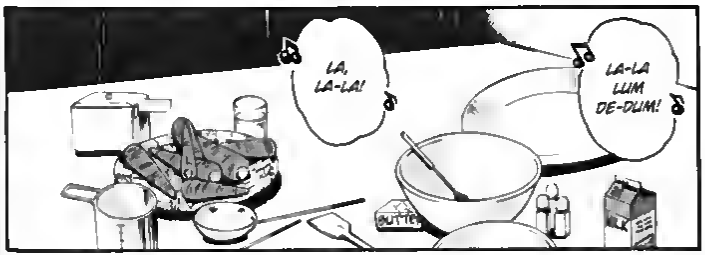


A LOT OF OTHER STORES HAVE ASKED FOR HER CAKES, TOO...
...SO LET'S JUST FACTOR THAT IN, AND--
TIKKA TIKKA BEEP!
HOW ABOUT THIS MUCH?
RYOKO! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS BUTT IN?
AND WITH SUCH LIES!

SASAMI WAS EVENTUALLY PERSUADED BY THE BAKER'S ENTHUSIASM, AND SOON SHE WAS MAKING THREE CARROT CAKES A WEEK...

TWO MONTHS LATER..





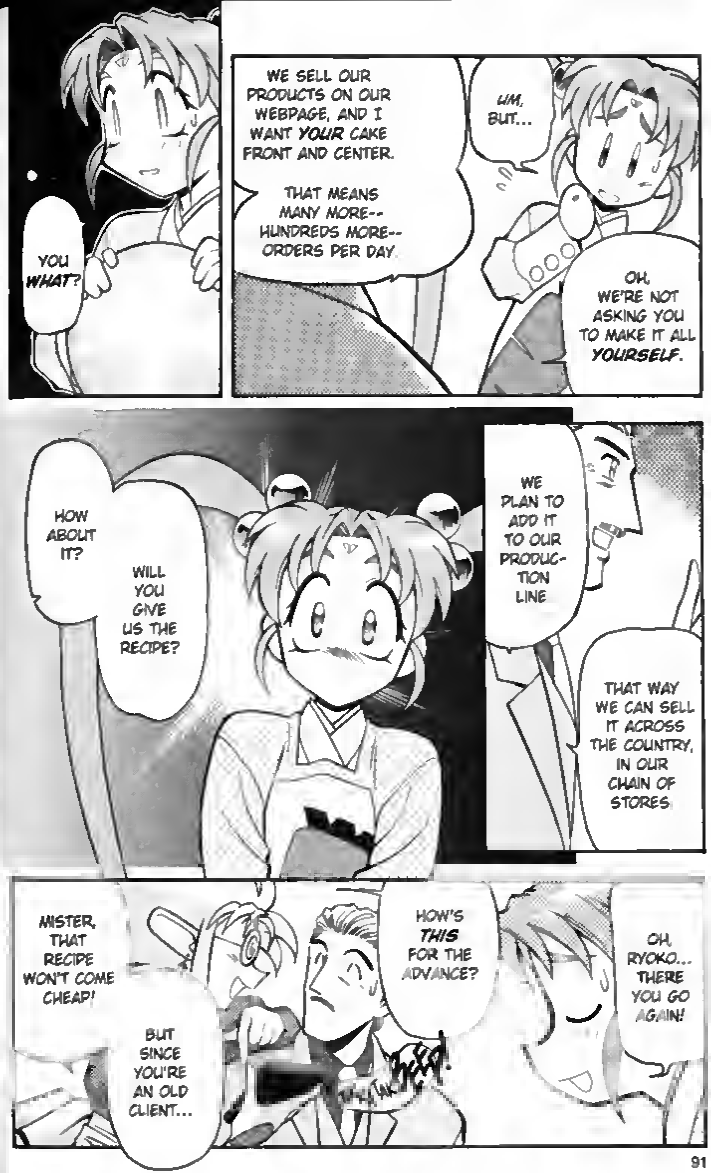
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME!
OH! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE, AYEKA!
YOU SURE DIDN'T SEEM TO LIKE THE IDEA AT FIRST...
TEE, HEE!
YOU SAW THROUGH ME!
I HEARD THAT THAT PASTRY STORE IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.
WHAT? YOU MEAN IT?
AND YOUR CAKE IS REALLY POPULAR. THE OWNER EVEN SENT US A LETTER OF APPRECIATION.
TEE, HEE, HEE...
HE WAS SO DEAD SET ON HAVING MY CAKES...
...THAT I JUST COULDN'T REFUSE.
.....
SHLIP WIP

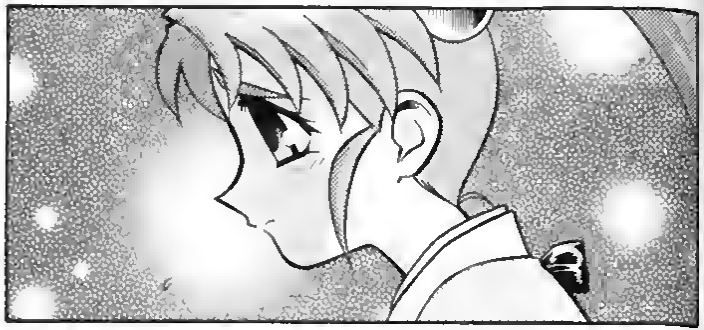
BUT YOUR PAYMENT ONLY COVERS THE COST OF INGREDIENTS, DOESN'T IT?
THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM I'D DO...
...BUT HE SAID THAT'S NOT HOW THE WORLD WORKS, AND HE'S GIVEN ME A LOT MORE.
BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG!
IT'S NOT THE MONEY I'M HAPPY ABOUT! NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST!
FWUP
FWUP
heh
YES, YES... I KNOW HOW YOU ARE...
I EVEN KNOW THAT YOU'RE GIVING THE REST OF THE MONEY TO MR. MASAKI--EVERY LITTLE BIT!
YOU SEE IT ALL, AYEKA.
heh
I GUESS I'M A LITTLE HAPPY ABOUT THE MONEY.
YOU ARE? HOW COME?

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON MR. MASAKI AND TENCHI FOR MONEY AND LETTING US LIVE HERE.
I'M JUST A KID, SO I CAN'T GET AN OUTSIDE JOB...
...SO I'M HAPPY THAT I CAN HELP OUT, EVEN A LITTLE.
WHOA!
...SUCH A SILLY.
I AM NOT A SILLY!
SASAMI TAKES CARE OF ALL THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES HERSELF! WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THAT ALREADY!
AND STILL SHE HAS SUCH WORRIES.

YES, YOU ARE...
...A SWEET, SWEET SILLY!
AYEKA, I CAN'T BREATHE!
ding dong
EXCUSE ME, BUT IS SASAMI AT HOME?
Y-YES!
JUST A MINUTE, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF BAKING...

I MUST ADMIT-- I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DROPPED IN YOURSELF.
YOUR STAFF ALWAYS PICKS UP THE CAKES
OH! HA, HA, HA!
I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW POPULAR YOUR CARROT CAKES ARE, SASAMI. THEY ALWAYS SELL OUT IMMEDIATELY.
WOW, THAT'S NICE TO HEAR!
IT MAKES ALL THE EFFORT WORTH-WHILE.
I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS A LONG TIME, BUT THE LINE FOR YOUR CAKES IS A FIRST.
HA, HA...
WHICH BRINGS ME TO WHY I CAME...
YES?
I WANT TO MAKE YOUR CARROT CAKES MORE AVAILABLE. .
IN FACT, I WANT TO SELL THEM TO THE WORLD!


YOU WHAT?
WE SELL OUR PRODUCTS ON OUR WEBPAGE, AND I WANT YOUR CAKE FRONT AND CENTER.
THAT MEANS MANY MORE-- HUNDREDS MORE-- ORDERS PER DAY.
UM, BUT...
OH, WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO MAKE IT ALL YOURSELF.
HOW ABOUT IT?
WILL YOU GIVE US THE RECIPE?
WE PLAN TO ADD IT TO OUR PRODUC-TION LINE
THAT WAY WE CAN SELL IT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, IN OUR CHAIN OF STORES.
MISTER, THAT RECIPE WON'T COME CHEAP!
BUT SINCE YOU'RE AN OLD CLIENT...
HOW'S THIS FOR THE ADVANCE?
OH, RYOKO... THERE YOU GO AGAIN!



WHAT DO YOU THINK...
WILL YOU SAY YES?
I'M SORRY ..
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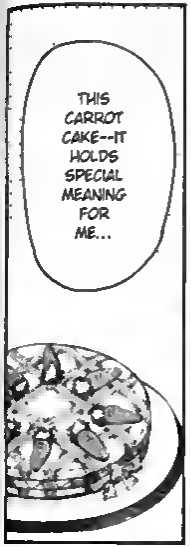

THIS CARROT CAKE--IT HOLDS SPECIAL MEANING FOR ME...

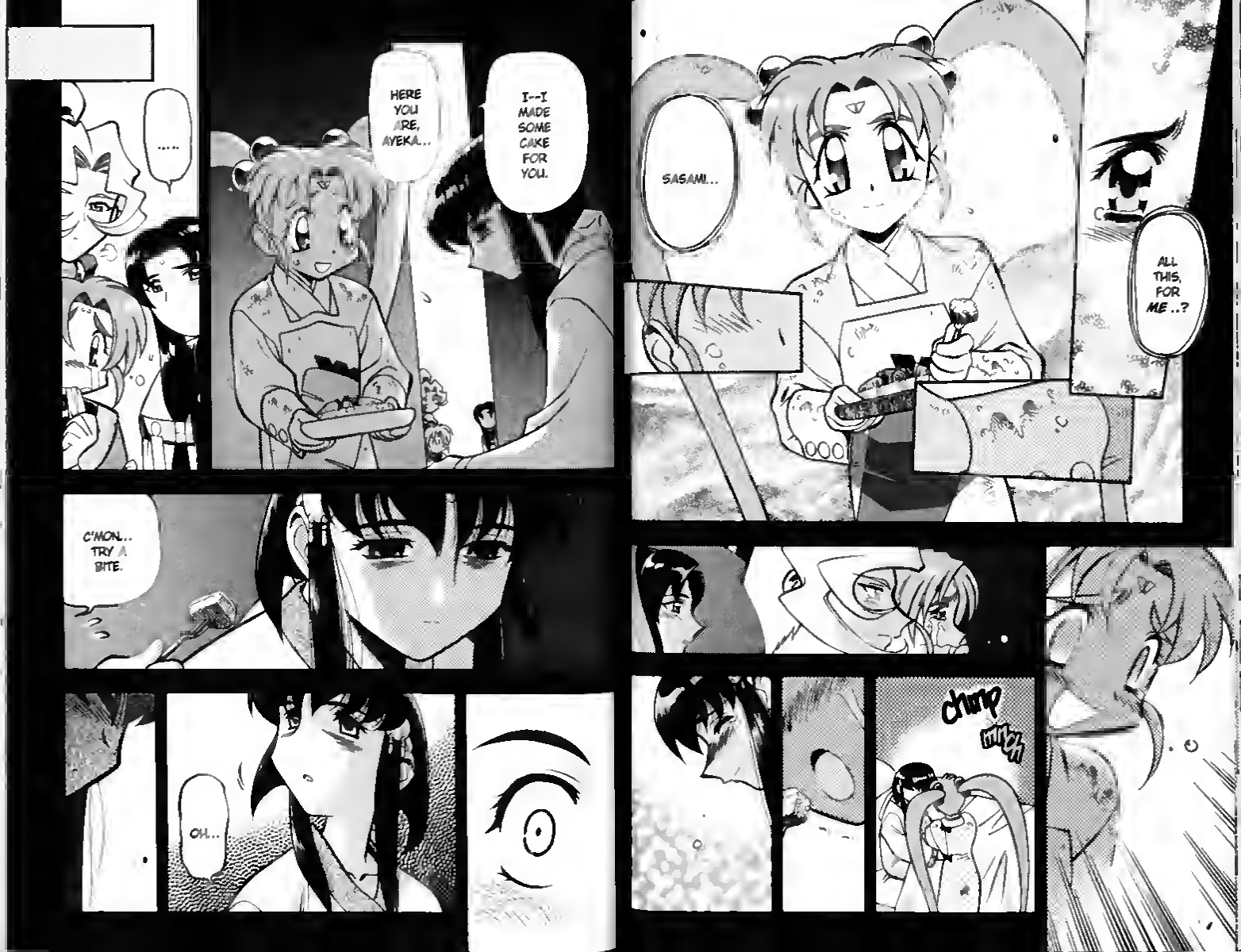
SO... I MIGHT BE BEING SELFISH... BUT IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING I DO MYSELF.
I WANT TO MAKE EACH CAKE WITH MY HEART--AS MY GIFT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY IT.

.....

YEAH.. IT'S SPECIAL...

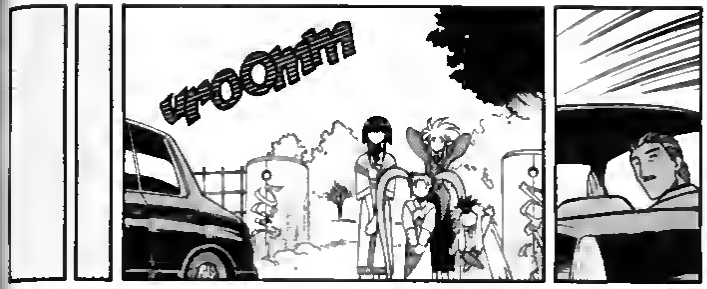
THE PLANET OF JURAI, 700 YEARS AGO...
I'M GOING TO GO AFTER RYOKO!
RMBL
YOSHO, WAIT!
!
YOSHO!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, FUNAHO?
AYEKA WILL DIE IF THIS GOES ON!
SIX DAYS SINCE YOSHO'S SHIP WENT MISSING...
MISAKI
AYEKA AND SASAMI'S MOTHER
FUNAHO
YOSHO'S MOTHER
POOR AYEKA... SHE'S SO WORRIED THAT SHE CAN'T EVEN EAT...
SASAMI IS OUR ONLY HOPE NOW...

HOW IS IT GOING, SASAMI?
SETO
MISAKI'S MOTHER
OH!
GRANDMA SETO
DON'T CALL ME GRANDMA!
nuh
huh
OHH! I WON'T! I WON'T!
WELL, I THINK THE CAKE IDEA IS FINE-- BUT AYEKA DOESN'T LIKE CARROTS.
WILL SHE EVEN EAT A CARROT CAKE?
I ALREADY TRIED ALL OF HER FAVORITE FOODS...
BUT... NONE OF THEM WORKED.
OH, YOU SWEET GIRL...
SO I THOUGHT MAYBE CARROTS, HER LEAST FAVORITE, MIGHT DO THE TRICK...
I--I JUST WANT TO TRY EVERYTHING I CAN THINK OF!
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GIRL!
SWOP
OH, MY DEAR, SWEET SASAMI!
OH, NO-- THE CAKE!
OH, I'M SO SORRY!


....
HERE YOU ARE, AYEKA...
I--I MADE SOME CAKE FOR YOU.
SASAMI...
ALL THIS, FOR ME..?
C'MON... TRY A BITE.
OH...
chomp
munch

WHAT A GENTLE TASTE...
I CAN FEEL HER LOVE, HER KINDNESS...

IT'S DELICIOUS...
THANK YOU, SASAMI...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HE'S A NICE MAN... DIDN'T PUSH THE ISSUE.
HMPH! WE WOULD'VE MADE A KILLING!
.....
I'M SORRY I HADN'T CONSIDERED THE CREATOR'S FEELINGS FORGET ABOUT WHAT I SAID...
BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE THE CURRENT QUOTA--
--FOR THE FANS OF YOUR CAKES.

COME ON!
LET'S GO HOME, AYEKA!
YOU BET.

WHAT?!
TODAY'S DINNER IS BASED ON A CARROT THEME?!
YEAH! PERFECT, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'LL GET YOU TO LIKE CARROTS ONE DAY.
BEING ABLE TO EAT CARROT CAKE SHOULD BE ENOUGH
NO, IT'S NOT! I HAVE A FULL REPERTOIRE OF CARROT DISHES. YOU HAVE LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO...
YOU'LL SEE!

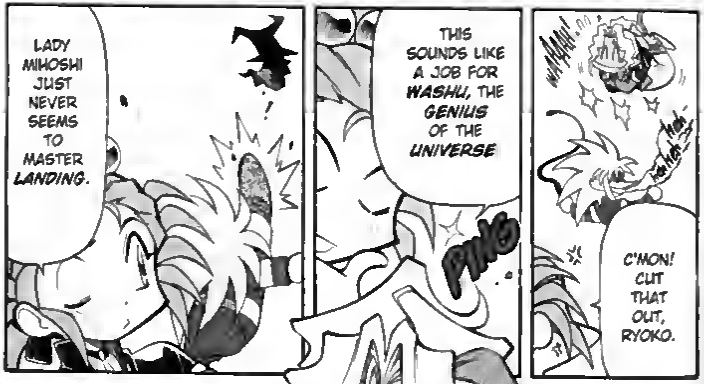
Chapter 5:
DISASTER AREA

HAVEN'T SEEN A DAY THIS NICE IN A LONG TIME.
Ahh!
YOU CAN'T BEAT A NICE NAP ON A DAY LIKE THIS.
WHA..?
IS THAT --?
SHEEE
I-I-I'M SO SAWRREEE!
LOOKS LIKE I MESSED UP MY LANDING AGAIN!

GRRRRR
IF "SORRY" WAS ENOUGH, WE WOULDN'T NEED THE POLICE!
Jack!

I HAVE TO TELL YOU, TENCHI!
NOW, NOW!
MMM! YUM!
YOU SHOULD SEE IT! MIHOSHI DESTROYED THE TERRACE-- AGAIN! A COMPLETE DISASTER!
mrch SKRT

HEY! STOP EATING OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD!
B!


LADY MIHOSHI JUST NEVER SEEMS TO MASTER LANDING.
THIS SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR WASHU, THE GENIUS OF THE UNIVERSE
PING
C'MON! CUT THAT OUT, RYOKO.

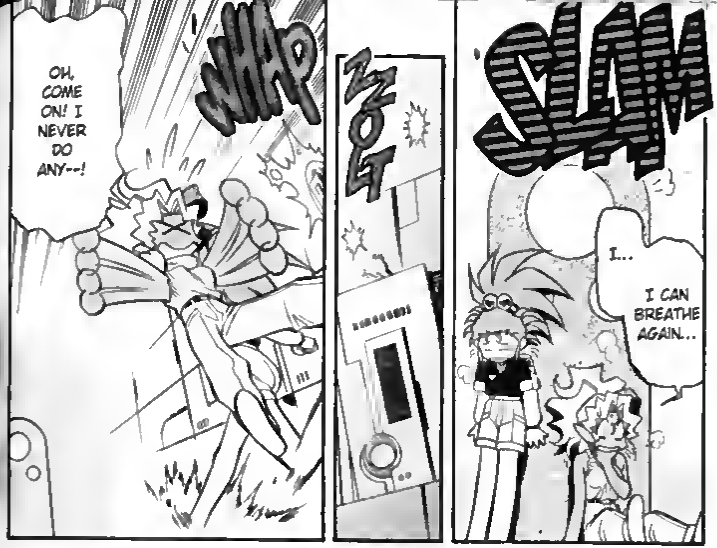
I'M SORRY! I'M NOT DOING IT ON PURPOSE!

YAY! TIME TO EAT!
KA
DINK

ALL RIGHT THEN! IT'S DONE!
THAT WAS TOO EASY!

OH, WASHU! SO THERE YOU ARE!
OK
SASAMI SAYS IT'S TEA TIME...
SMAK
ARGH!!
GAH!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GLAH!
EEE
OOOH
OUT! OUT! THERE'S ALWAYS A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF SOMETHING BREAKING WHEN YOU'RE WANDERING AROUND IN HERE!


OH, COME ON! I NEVER DO ANY--!
WHAP
ZZOT
SLAM
I...
I CAN BREATHE AGAIN...

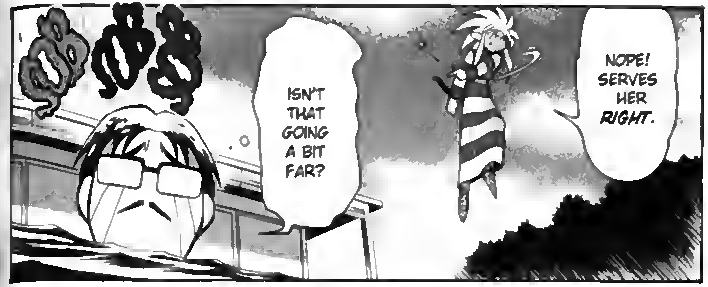
TH-THIS IS A BEACON... I MADE IT FOR YOU
UFF
HFF
Y-YOU CAN USE IT TO MAKE SOFT LANDINGS..
TH-THANKS... THANKS A LOT, WASHU.

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
HUH?
BEEP

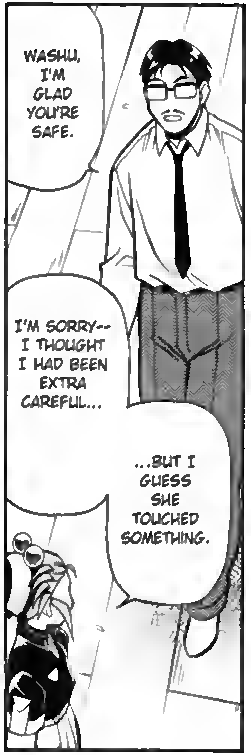
I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME IN TWO WEEKS
NOBUYUKI MASAKI TENCHI'S FATHER
SHWEEEOP
HI, THERE, MIHOSHI. YOU GOING OUT?
OH, YEAH.
I GOT AN EMERGENCY CALL
OKAY! I'LL JUST BE OFF THEN..
SQUIK
OOH! I CAN CAPTURE THE START OF A G.P. SORTIE!
RRRRR
HUH?

AARGH! I'M SO SORRY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
EH?
OH, BROTHER! NOT AGAIN
BOOM
HUH?
WHA?
MY...
M-MY HOUSE ..
AAARRRGH
ML...
SKLICH
BREEP
SELF DESTRUCT
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
WHOOSH!!!...

CAW!
YUK!
I DON'T EVER...
YUKK
...WANT TO SEE YOU HERE AGAIN!
WAAAH!

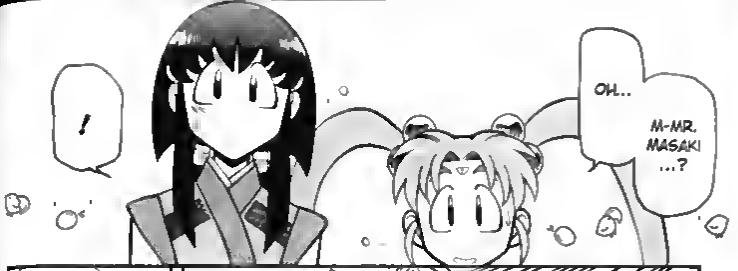

ISN'T THAT GOING A BIT FAR?
NOPE! SERVES HER RIGHT.

OH, NO! AWW...
M-MY ROOM... MY NICE ROOM...
WELL, YOU JUST HAVE TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS THAT YOU'RE ALIVE.
ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT WAS THAT?


WASHU, I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
I'M SORRY-- I THOUGHT I HAD BEEN EXTRA CAREFUL...
...BUT I GUESS SHE TOUCHED SOMETHING.

WE HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE BECAUSE MIHOSHI'S SUCH A DITZ
I WISH SHE WOULD JUST NEVER COME HOME

RYOKO! THAT'S AWFUL! YOU CAN'T MEAN IT...
KA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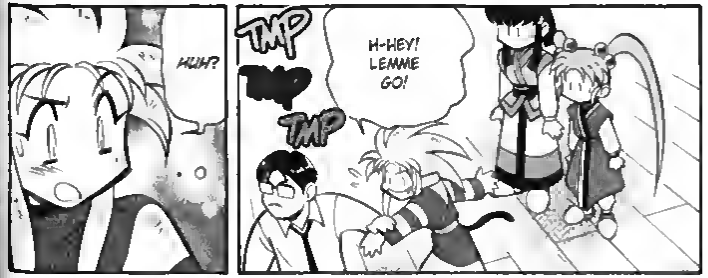
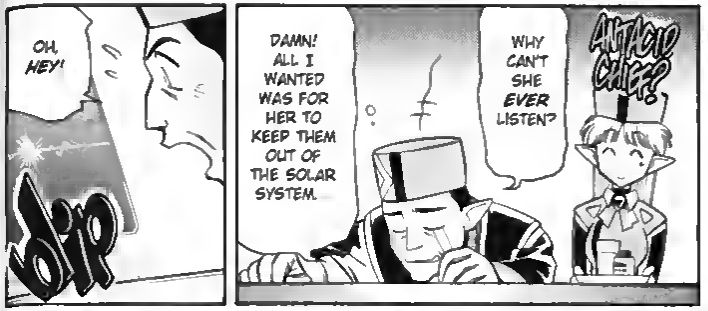
OH...
M-MR. MASAKI ...?

OWWCH!!
BASTARD!! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
GRRR

TWMP


HUH?
TMP
TMP
TMP
H-HEY! LEMME GO!

NOW LISTEN UP, L.T. MIHOSHI.
THE CHEMICAL THOSE THIEVES STOLE IS NASTY STUFF--IT EXPLODES IF IT RECEIVES A CERTAIN LEVEL OF IMPACT.
I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOU HERE AGAIN!
SO TAKE EXTRA CARE...
HEY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME AT ALL?!
OH, YESSIR, SIR!
I'LL GO ARREST THEM RIGHT AWAY!


OH, HEY!
dip
DAMN! ALL I WANTED WAS FOR HER TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
WHY CAN'T SHE EVER LISTEN?
ANTIAGE CHIEF?

WHERE ARE YOU DRAGGING ME OFF TO?
HEY!
OHH! LEGGO!

I SAID, LET GO!
WHAT'S UP? HE'S HARDLY EVER HERE..
NOW YOU LISTEN, RYOKO...
...EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HER SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO...

MIHOSHI GIVES ME HALF OF HER PAY EVERY MONTH!
GA!

I...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...
WELL, OF COURSE NOT...

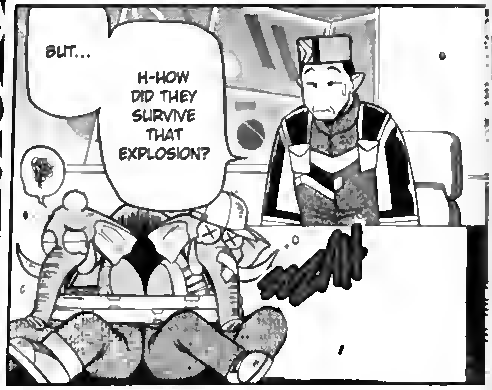
SNIFF SNIFF
WHY, EVEN IF SHE GAVE ME ALL OF IT, IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DENT IN THE COST FOR ALL THOSE REPAIRS...

PLEASE, STOP!
I HAVE TO ARREST YOU!
WHAT?
WE HAVE THE CHEMICALS HERE! I-IF YOU DEAL US ANY KIND OF JOLT...
?
?

SHE DID TRY TO GIVE ME ALL OF IT, AT FIRST...
PLEASE! JUST GIVE YOURSELVES UP, ALL RIGHT?!
...BUT HER HEART WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, SO WE DECIDED ON HALF HER SALARY.

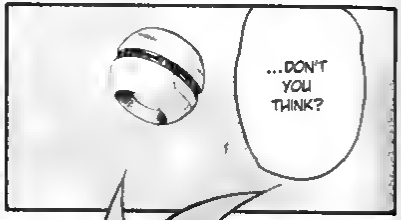
I TOLD YOU SO!

OH, BROTHER! MORE REPAIR BILLS.


BUT...
H-HOW DID THEY SURVIVE THAT EXPLOSION?

EVERYBODY HAS ONE OR TWO FAULTS, RYOKO.
ALTHOUGH, IN MIHOSHI'S CASE, IT'S JUST A LITTLE EXTREME.

WASHU, YOU MEAN YOU KNEW?
ACCEPTING OTHERS JUST THE WAY THEY ARE IS WHAT MAKES A GREAT WOMAN...


...DON'T YOU THINK?

COME ON!
YOU HAVE TO TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL...
...THE SAME WAY YOU ALWAYS DO.

THAT TENDERNESS YOU'RE FEELING IN YOUR HEART...

LADY MIHOSHI, WHY AREN'T WE GOING BACK TO EARTH?
BUT I CAN'T...

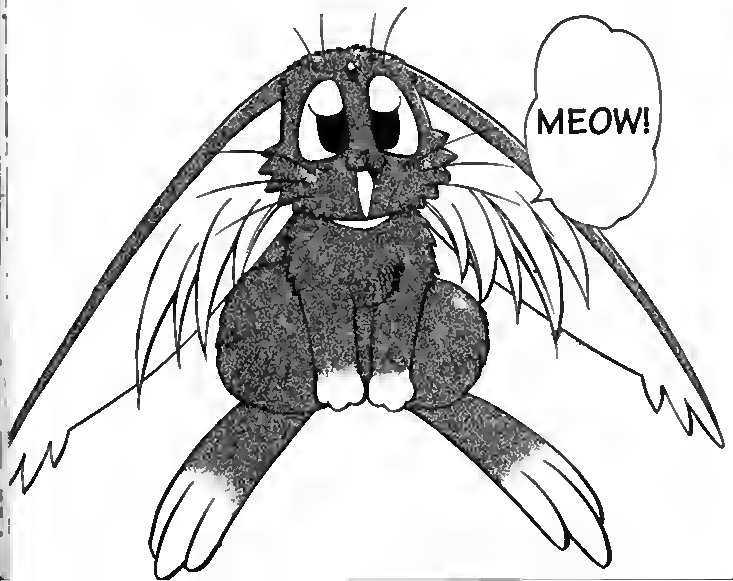
RYOKO LOOKED REALLY, REALLY MAD...
GRRRRR

GRRRRR

blip
IS THAT...
RYOKO?!

UM, ER... WELL, I...
YES?
C-COME BACK HOME SOON, OKAY?!
FLAP
S-SASAMI MADE DINNER AND IT'LL GET COLD.
WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU. SO H-HURRY BACK!
R-RYOKO...
O...
OKAY!
VROOOM
NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH, BUT.
GOOD GIRL.
CUT THAT OUT!
ISN'T SHE JUST GOING TO CRASH AGAIN?
I CAN'T HAVE THAT!
SHE'LL BE FINE.
I GAVE HER A HOMING BEACON.
THE AUTOMATIC PILOT WILL MAKE A SOFT LANDING-- YOU'LL SEE!
OKAY!
HERE SHE COMES.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
WE'LL LAND SAFE AND SOUND!
SEE, WASHU GAVE ME THIS SPECIAL BEACON TO GUIDE US!
UH
BUT... UM...
ISN'T THAT A DEVICE YOU PLACE ON THE LANDING SITE...?

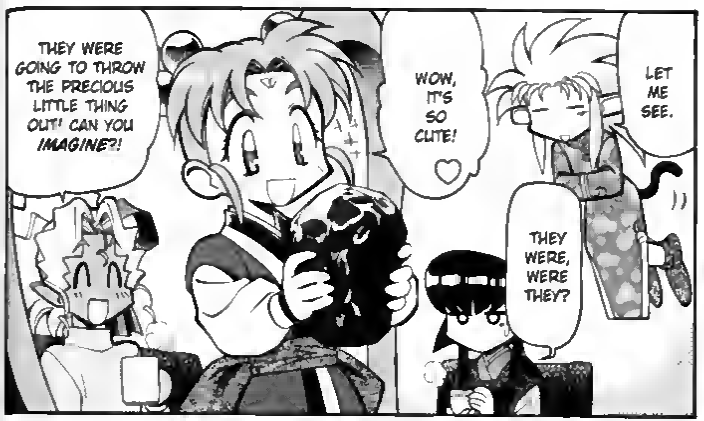
HUH?
SHEEEE
HUH?
BOOM
NOOOO!!!
MASAKI HOUSE DEMOLISHED
GO BACK HOME TO YOUR PARENTS, WILL YA?!
WAAH! I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN IT!



Chapter 6: EXCELLENCE

PHEW! WE'RE DONE!
WE'VE REBUILT THIS HOUSE AGAIN!
SO...
LADY MIHOSHI, WHAT ON EARTH...

...IS THIS, UM.. UNIQUE... PIECE OF, UH--- ART, HMM?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE SPACE THIEVES? THEY'RE A BAND OF GALACTIC PIRATES.
THAT STATUE WAS CONFISCATED WHEN WE ARRESTED THEIR HEAD HONCHO.


THEY WERE GOING TO THROW THE PRECIOUS LITTLE THING OUT! CAN YOU IMAGINE?!
WOW, IT'S SO CUTE!
LET ME SEE.
THEY WERE, WERE THEY?

WHOA! WHERE WERE THEY SELLING A STATUE OF AYEKA?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
SO YOU SEE THE RESEM-BLANCE, TOO, RYOKO?
SOB SOB
M-MIHOSHI, EVEN YOU...?

JUNK

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- IT'SSSS THERE.. HSSS!
SSSURE LOOKSSS LIKE IT-- HSSS!
PING! PING!
BUT IT'SS BEHIND A SSSECURITY SSYSSTEM THAT'SS TOO SSOPHISTICATED FOR THE PLANET'SSS TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL.. HSSSSS!

SSS' GOOD FOR USSS..
HFT

...THAT WE CAN REACH OUR QUARRY WITHOUT TOUCHING THE GROUND!
SWWOOM

ASSS THE SSSPACE THIEVESS' TOP-RANKED BROTHERSS--
--WE SSSWEAR WE WILL ATTAIN THE PRISSSE! HSSS!

...ZZZ...
SHUP

URP.
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO DRINK SO MUCH!
THIS IS ALL...
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

...RYOKO'S FAULT! MAYBE SOME ASPIRIN, AND B VITAMINS, AND WATER... UNGH..
ha ha ha ha ha
DRINK IT DOWN!

IS SOME-ONE IN THERE?

SUSH TSH

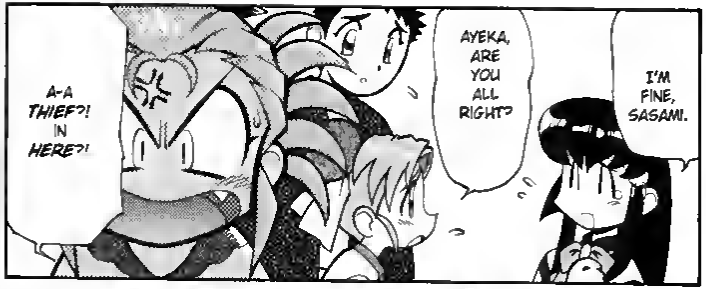
EEK!
WHK
!!

OH...
UM, HELLO THERE..

AIEEE!
SKRASH
LET'SSS RUN FOR IT-- HSSS!
YESSS!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, AYEKA?!

THERE WAS A THIEF..
OH...
L-LORD TENCHI.. THERE..
SIGH


A-A THIEF?! IN HERE?!
AYEKA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE, SASAMI.

B-BUT ISN'T RYOKO'S ROOM DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS ONE? WHY DIDN'T SHE...?!

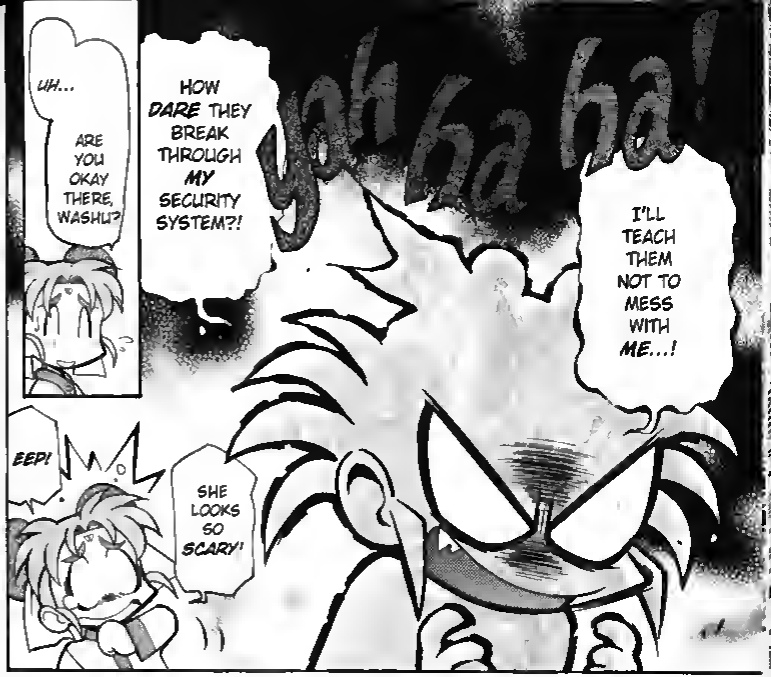
SHNZZZ
SHNOR

YOU'RE NO HELP AT ALL WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN!
BOMM
BOTK

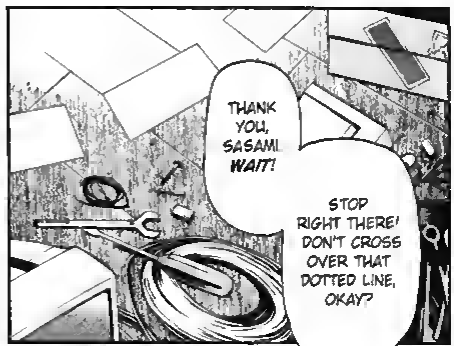
WHY DO YOU THINK WE KEEP YOU HERE, ANYWAY...?
WHAT!? I'M A GUARD DOG?!
SIGH

THERE ARE NO GUARD DOGS AS STUPID AS YOU
C'MON! QUIT IT, YOU TWO...
SAY WHAT?!
!

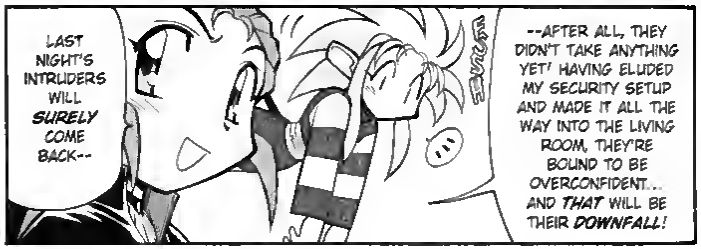
?
GRRRRR


UH...
ARE YOU OKAY THERE, WASHU?
HOW DARE THEY BREAK THROUGH MY SECURITY SYSTEM?!
yah ha ha!
I'LL TEACH THEM NOT TO MESS WITH ME...!
EEP!
SHE LOOKS SO SCARY!

WASHU? I MADE A CALMING POT OF TEA FOR YOU...


THANK YOU, SASAMI. WAIT!
STOP RIGHT THERE! DON'T CROSS OVER THAT DOTTED LINE, OKAY?

HMM.. WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?
OH! CAN'T YOU TELL?
I'M DOING A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE SECURITY EQUIPMENT.


LAST NIGHT'S INTRUDERS WILL *SURELY* COME BACK--
--AFTER ALL, THEY DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING YET! HAVING ELUDED MY SECURITY SETUP AND MADE IT ALL THE WAY INTO THE LIVING ROOM, THEY'RE BOUND TO BE OVERCONFIDENT... AND *THAT* WILL BE THEIR *DOWNFALL!*

I SWEAR UPON MY PRIDE AS A *GENIUS*-- *THIS* TIME I SHALL *TRIUMPH!*
HEH, HEH! NOW I'VE GOT IT!

I'LL SHOW THEM THE *ULTIMATE* SECURITY SYSTEM!
TIP
ZZZAP
ZZZFT
YA HA HA HA HA

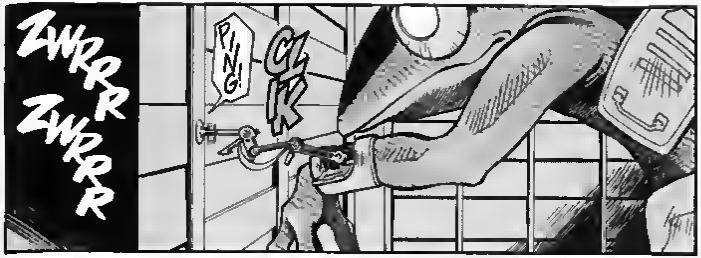
I THINK THAT WAS R-- RYOKO...
HMM?
IZAK
EEEEE

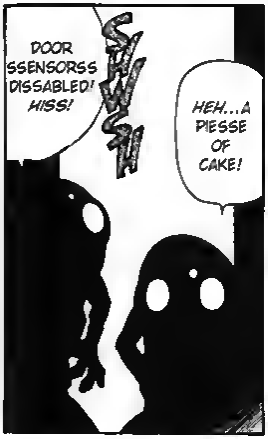
WE WERE SSSO CLOSSSE!
HSS!
SSSUCH FAILURE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED FOR LONG!

SHHHHH! JUSST CALM DOWN. THEY SSTILL HAVEN'T NOTISSED THE SSSIGNIFICANSSE OF THE SSTATUETTE-- HSSS!

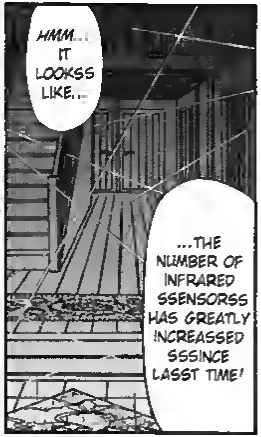
WE WILL GET IT THISS TIME!
AND THEN WE SSHALL REIGN SSSUPREME!

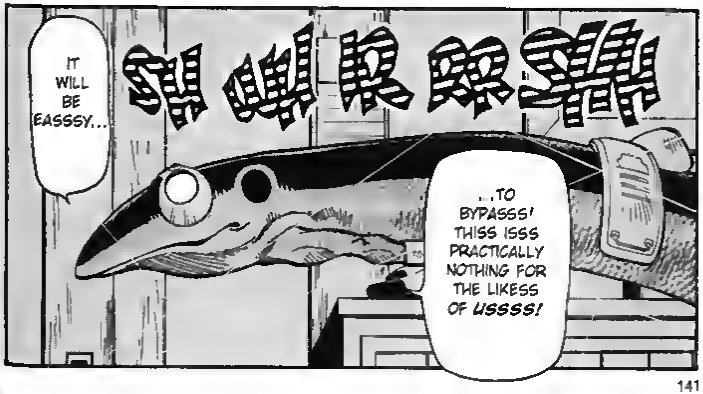
IN THE NAME OF THE SSSPACE THIEVESS!
HISS!

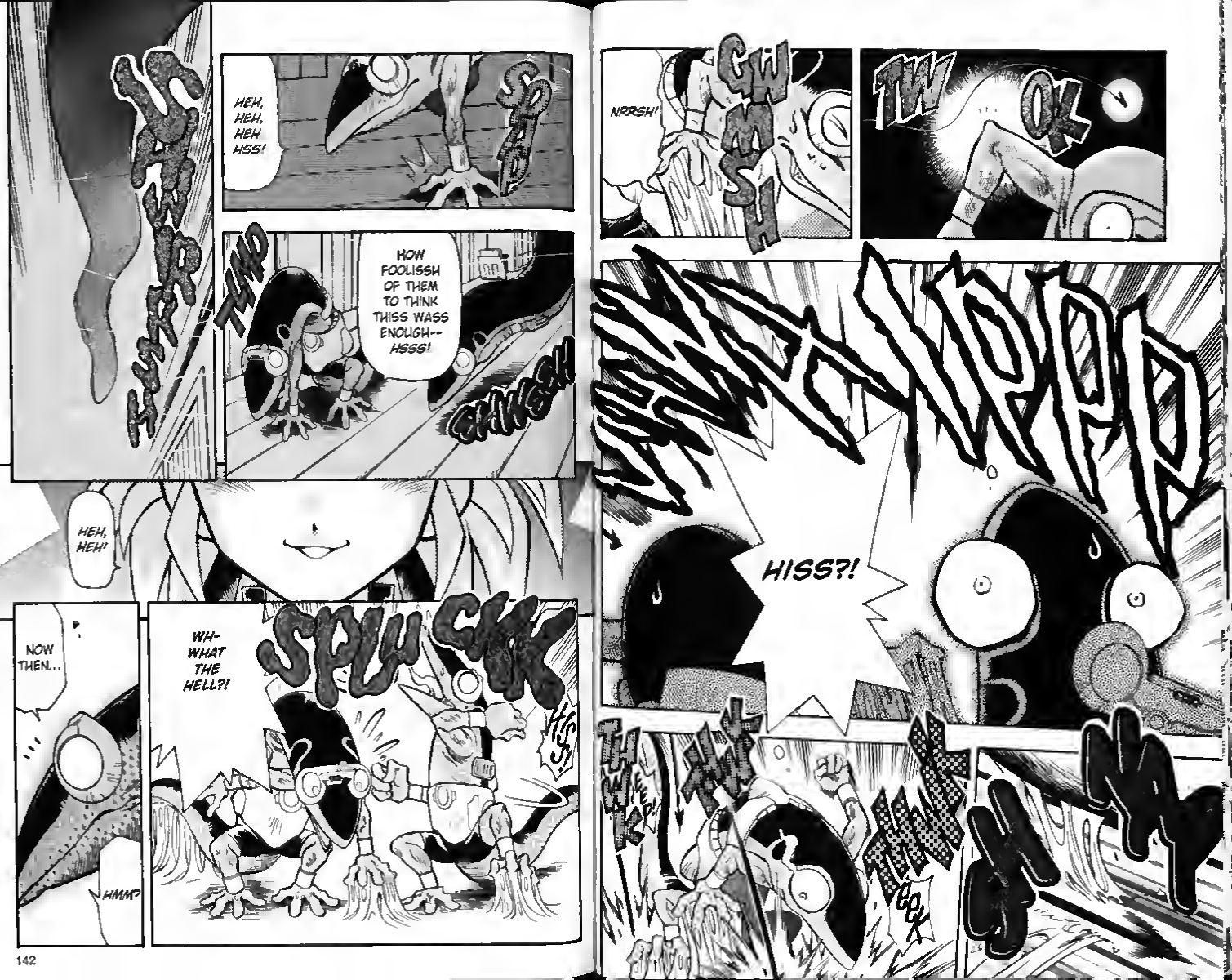

ZWRRR ZWRRR
PING!
CLIK


DOOR SSENSORSS DISSABLED! HISS!
SHWSH
HEH...A PIESSE OF CAKE!

ZWMZWM


HMM... IT LOOKSS LIKE...
...THE NUMBER OF INFRARED SSENSORSS HAS GREATLY INCREASSED SSSINCE LASST TIME!


IT WILL BE EASSSY...
...TO BYPASSS! THISS ISSS PRACTICALLY NOTHING FOR THE LIKESS OF USSSS!


HEH, HEH, HEH HSS!
HOW FOOLISSH OF THEM TO THINK THISS WASS ENOUGH-- HSSS!
THUD
HEH, HEH!
NOW THEN...
HMM?
WH- WHAT THE HELL?!
SPLUCK
HISS!
NRRSH!
GWASH
TW
OK
HISS?!
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP

WOK
THK
THE INFRARED WASS A DECOY! HSSS!
HISS!
W-WE DIDN'T EXPECT A CABLE WIRE! HSSS!
UFF
HFF
THINK THAT'S ALL, EH?
YEEEK!!
GN
MP
HISSS...
HA HA HA HA HA

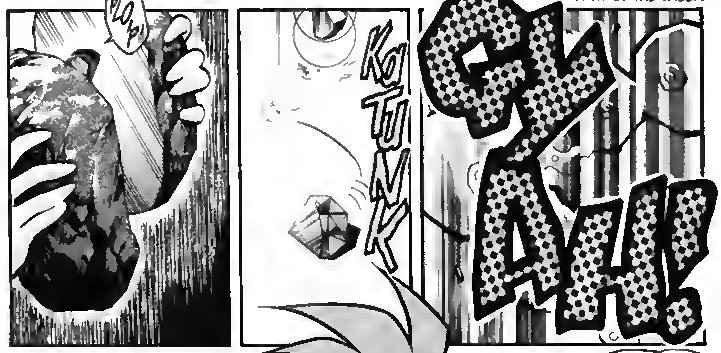
WHAT THE HELL...
..IS WITH THESSE PRIMITIVE TRAPSSS?!
!!
STILL SNOOZING
OWW! WHAT ARE THESSE?!
AAA!
OWWW!
MAKIBISHI A NINJA BOOBY TRAP TO PREVENT THE ADVANCE OF AN ENEMY. ALSO KNOWN AS "CALTROPS"
SHING
CHAK
BAP
LASSSER BEAMSS THISS TIME!
WHAT A RELIEF!
MODERN TRAPSS LIKE THESSE ARE VERY WELCOME-- HSSS!
AAAA
SMART FORCE FIELD ACTIVE!

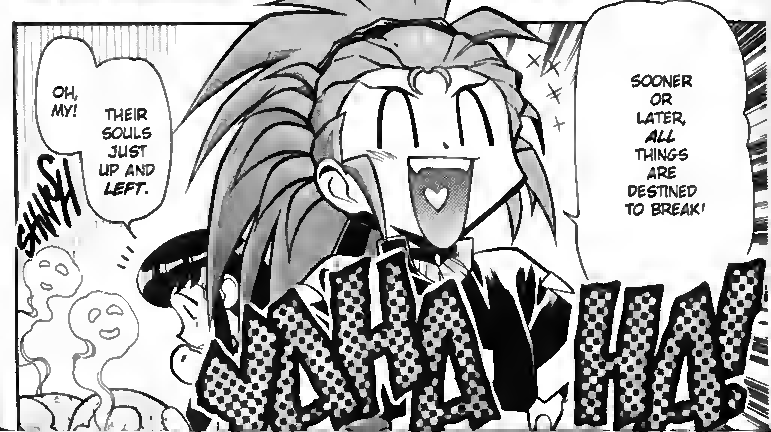
HSSA! HA, HA! NOW THAT'SSS THE SSORT OF SSCIENTIFIC SSSECURITY WE LIKE TO SSSEE!
hsfa hsfa hsfa
WHFF
UH...
WHAT THE-- HSSS!
WHAT
?!
HA! YOU FELL FOR MY TRAPS!
HISS!
GRRR
"HIGH-BROW" HOW?!
YOU CAN'T GET MORE PRIMITIVE THAN THISSS!
I CALL IT, "THE BRAINY HIGH-BROW SECURITY SYSTEM"-- WORTHY OF ME, THE GREATEST GENIUS IN THE UNIVERSE!

DOOM
. SOME EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT TORTURE TECHNIQUES-- THE KIND AT THE VERY FOREFRONT OF TECHNOLOGY! HEH!
THAT'SS NOT FAIR! HSS!
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TALK!

WE'RE AFTER THE LIAMOND, A RARE JEWEL HIDDEN INSSSIDE THE SSTATUETTE THERE ON THAT SHELF-- HSSS!
THE ONE WHO GETSS IT WILL BE OUR NEXT LEADER!
AHH! ALL YOUR FIGHTING BROKE OUR LITTLE STATUE!

SPLIT BY THE LASER

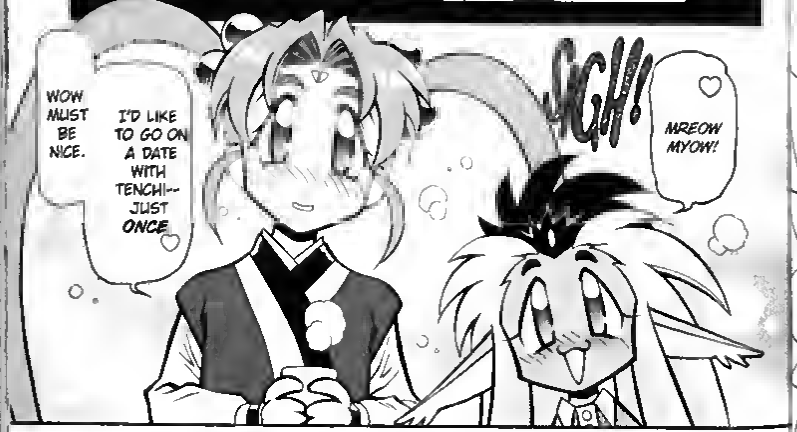




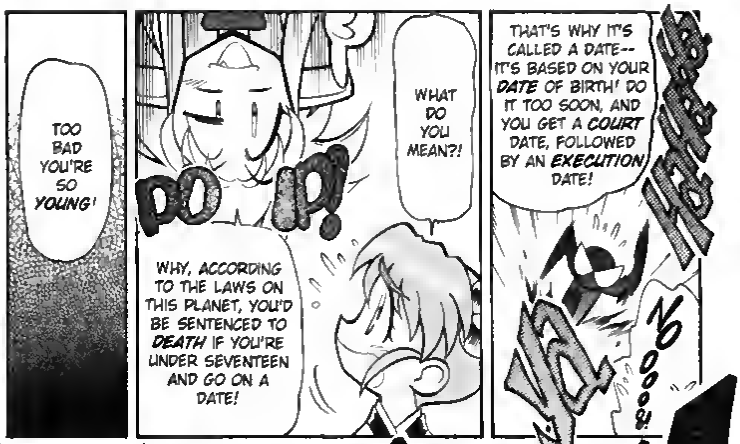
I JUST DON'T GET IT...
IF THE HOUSE GETS WRECKED *BECAUSE* OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM, WHY WOULD WE WANT ONE?!
ALL THINGS WILL BREAK ONE DAY! YAHA!
IT'S JUST A FACT OF LIFE! YOU MUSTN'T *BROOD* OVER IT!

Chapter 7:
STRENGTH

HEY, DID YOU WAIT FOR ME LONG? LET'S BE OFF TO MARS SIDNEYLAND.
OH, BOY!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO THERE! WITH YOU...


WOW MUST BE NICE.
I'D LIKE TO GO ON A DATE WITH TENCHI-- JUST ONCE
SIGH!!
MREOW MYOW!

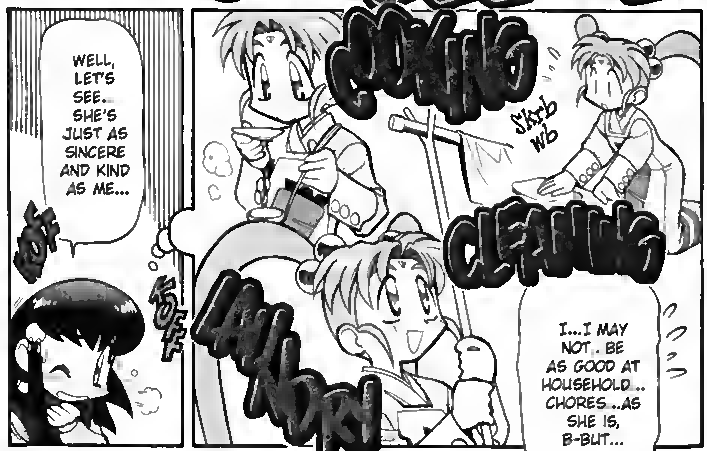
YOU WANT TO GO ON A DATE, TOO, RYO-OH-KI?
MROWR!
WHAT?!


TOO BAD YOU'RE SO YOUNG!
POOP!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WHY, ACCORDING TO THE LAWS ON THIS PLANET, YOU'D BE SENTENCED TO DEATH IF YOU'RE UNDER SEVENTEEN AND GO ON A DATE!
THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED A DATE-- IT'S BASED ON YOUR DATE OF BIRTH! DO IT TOO SOON, AND YOU GET A COURT DATE, FOLLOWED BY AN EXECUTION DATE!
HAHAHA
NOOO!!

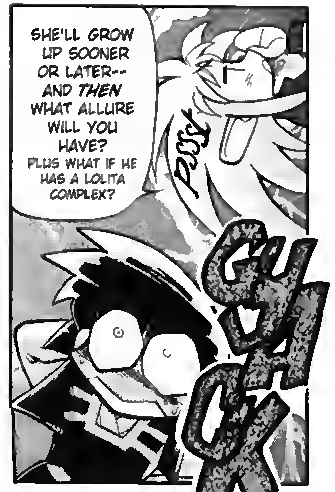
YOU ARE SUCH A LIAR!
KO

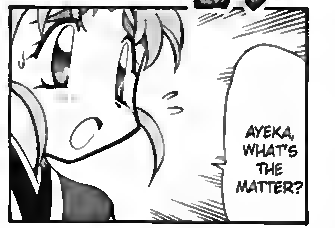
SASAMI, YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT DEMON'S LIES SERIOUSLY.
A DATE IS A SUBLIME AND NOBLE EVENT.
ARE YOU SURE?
m'eow!
URK

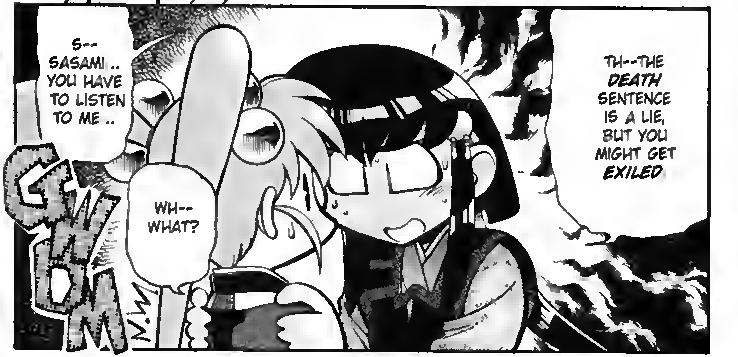
IDIOT.
RYO-OH-KI MAY BE FINE, BUT JUST IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SASAMI AND TENCHI WERE TO GO ON A DATE!
GYAAH!
SQUEEEEEE


WELL, LET'S SEE.. SHE'S JUST AS SINCERE AND KIND AS ME...
HOT
HOT
COOKING
CLEANING
LAUNDRY
I...I MAY NOT. BE AS GOOD AT HOUSEHOLD.. CHORES..AS SHE IS, B-BUT...

...I HAVE THE ALLURE OF A MATURE WOMAN ON MY SIDE!
Sasami
pwip

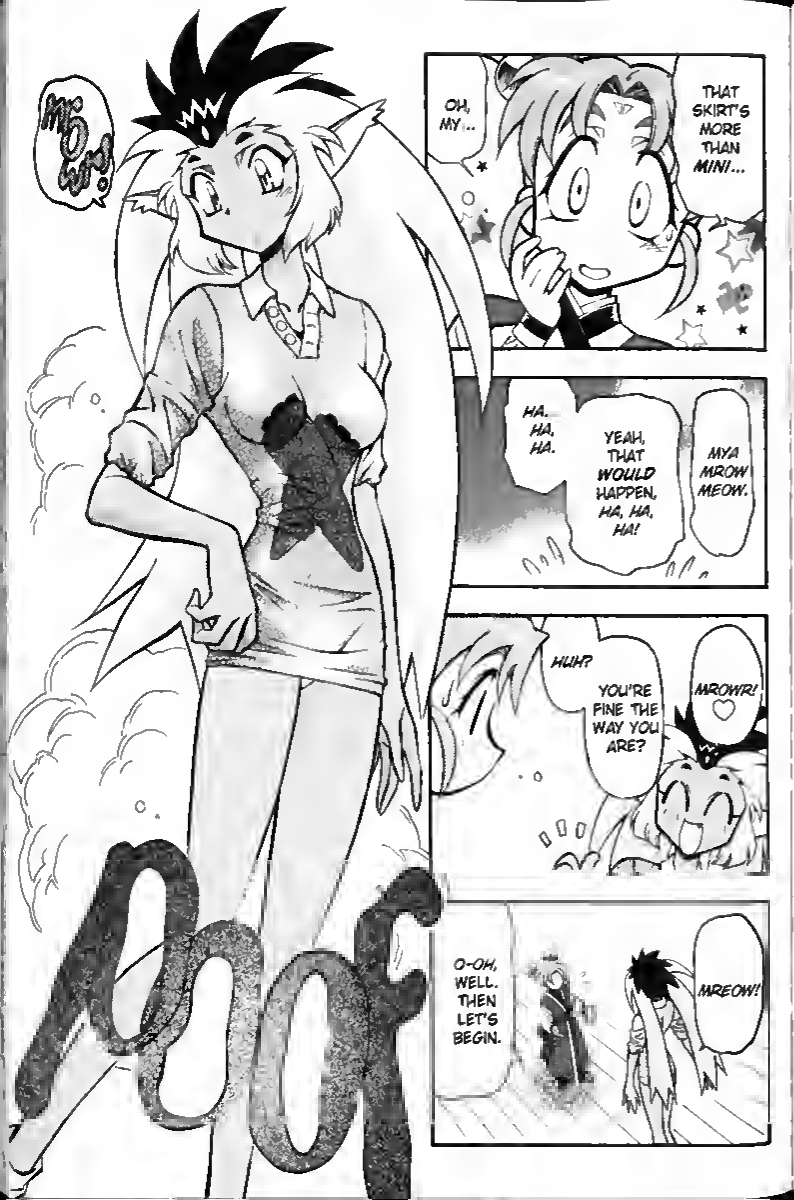

SHE'LL GROW UP SOONER OR LATER-- AND THEN WHAT ALLURE WILL YOU HAVE?
PLUS WHAT IF HE HAS A LOLITA COMPLEX?
PUSH
GU GU GK

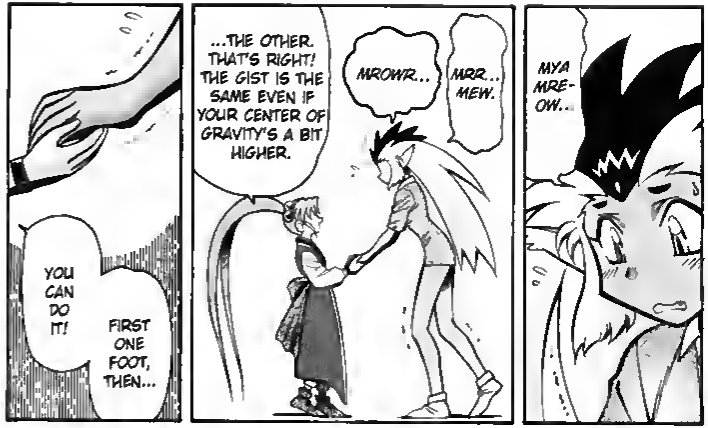

AYEKA, WHAT'S THE MATTER?


S--SASAMI.. YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME..
WH--WHAT?
TH--THE DEATH SENTENCE IS A LIE, BUT YOU MIGHT GET EXILED
GU GU GM

EXILED
NOOOOOO
WH-WH-WHAAAT?!
AAAH!!
SIGH POOR YOUNG THING!
AYEKA . YOU'RE SUCH A DEMONIC SISTER.
COMING FROM YOU, I GUESS THAT'S A COMPLIMENT
PSST
PSST
PSST
PSST
EEEE!!
YEEE!
PMP
OH, RYO-OH-KI...
MROWR!!

YOU'RE SO SWEET.
THANKS FOR TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.
MWR?
I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
YOU CAN GROW BIGGER! YOU CAN GO ON A DATE WITH TENCHI!
MROW?
MREOWR!
RYO-CHAN, YOU CAN WALK WELL IN YOUR CHILD-FORM, SO LET'S LEARN IN YOUR ADULT FORM.
MREOWR!


MEOW!
OH, MY...
THAT SKIRT'S MORE THAN MINI...
HA. HA. HA.
YEAH, THAT WOULD HAPPEN, HA, HA, HA!
MYA MROW MEOW.
HUH?
YOU'RE FINE THE WAY YOU ARE?
MROWR!
O-OH, WELL. THEN LET'S BEGIN.
MREOW!


YOU CAN DO IT!
FIRST ONE FOOT, THEN...
...THE OTHER. THAT'S RIGHT! THE GIST IS THE SAME EVEN IF YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY'S A BIT HIGHER.
MROWR...
MRR... MEW.
MYA MRE-OW...

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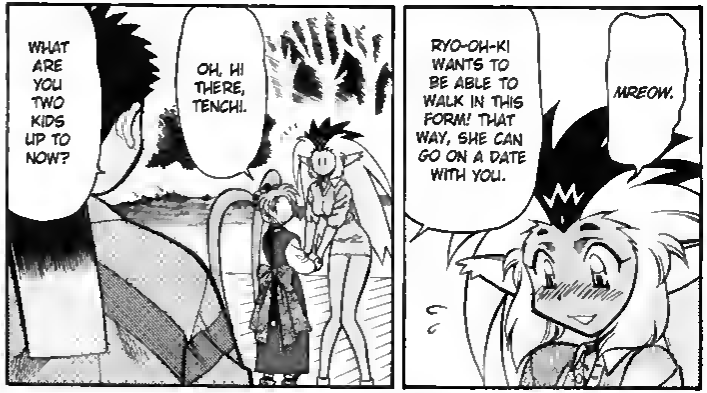
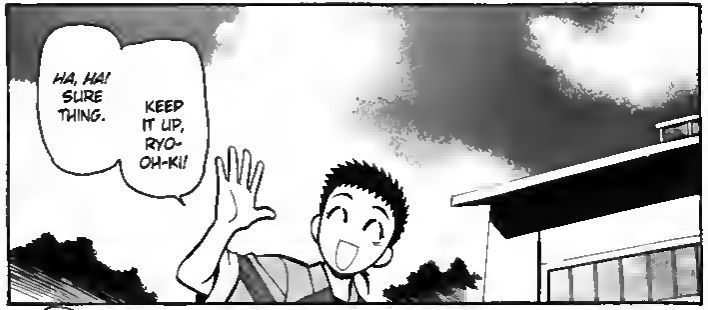
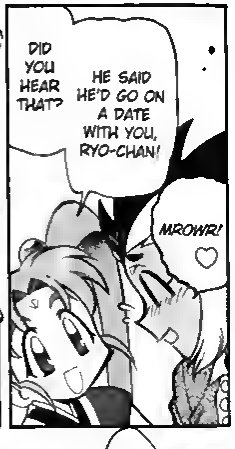
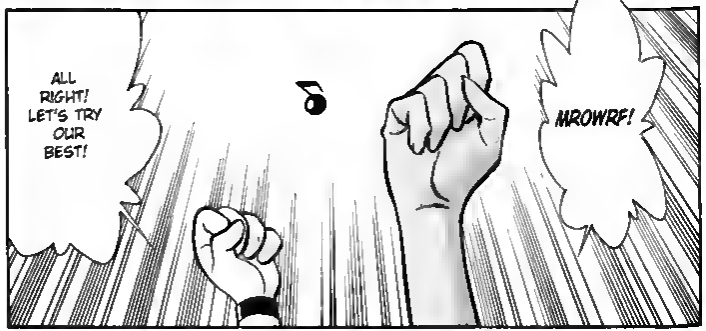

WHAT ARE YOU TWO KIDS UP TO NOW?
OH, HI THERE, TENCHI.
RYO-OH-KI WANTS TO BE ABLE TO WALK IN THIS FORM! THAT WAY, SHE CAN GO ON A DATE WITH YOU.
MREOW.

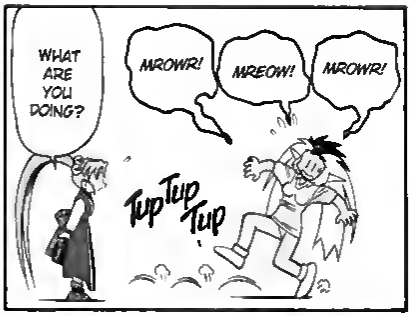

HA, HA! SURE THING.
KEEP IT UP, RYO-OH-KI!

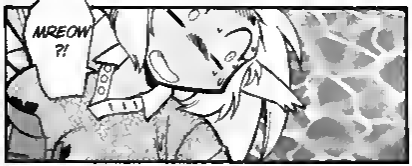
MROWR!


DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HE SAID HE'D GO ON A DATE WITH YOU, RYO-CHAN!
MROWR!

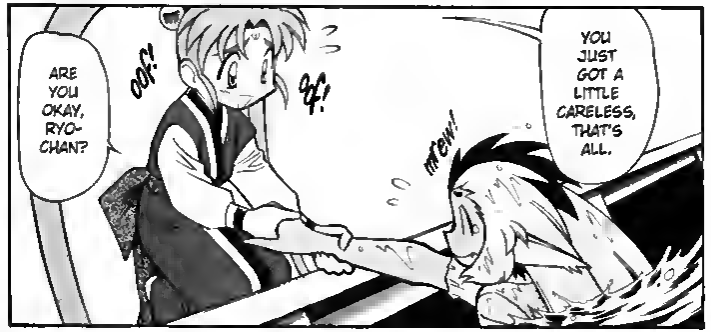

ALL RIGHT! LET'S TRY OUR BEST!
MROWRF!

KAB POP!
MREOW?

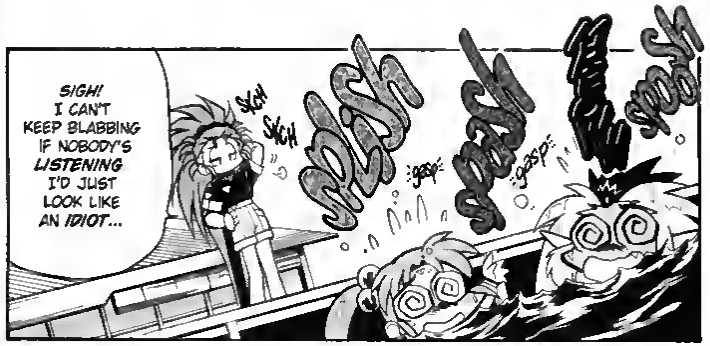

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MROWR!
MREOW!
MROWR!
TupTupTup


MREOW ?!

KASPLASH


ARE YOU OKAY, RYO-CHAN?
OOF!
YOU JUST GOT A LITTLE CARELESS, THAT'S ALL.
MREW!

I'VE BEEN READY FOR JUST SUCH A SCENARIO!
WHOA?!
SKAPL
I CALL THIS INVENTION "THE GREAT CEREBELLUM"!
HUH?


SIGH! I CAN'T KEEP BLABBING IF NOBODY'S LISTENING I'D JUST LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT...
SKCH SKCH
gasp
gasp
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

OKAY, SO TELL US NOW, WASHU...
WHAT IS THAT THING?

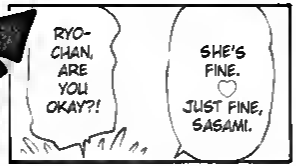
I'VE BEEN READY FOR JUST--
WE HEARD THAT PART...

I SHOULD EXPLAIN THE CERE-BELLUM FIRST.
THE CEREBELLUM IS THE COORDINATION CENTER FOR THE MUSCLES-- IN OTHER WORDS, IT MAINTAINS EQUILIBRIUM AND MOTOR CONTROL

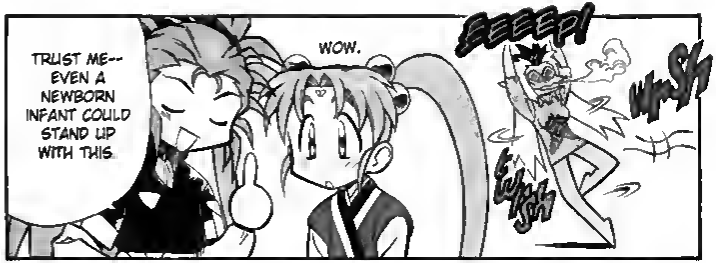
OKAY, RYO-OH-KI, COME HERE.
MREOW ?

JUST PLACE THIS DEVICE AROUND THE NAPE OF YOUR NECK.
?
KA CLK

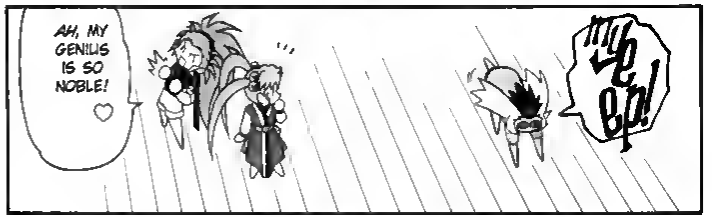
MEEP
OH, NO!

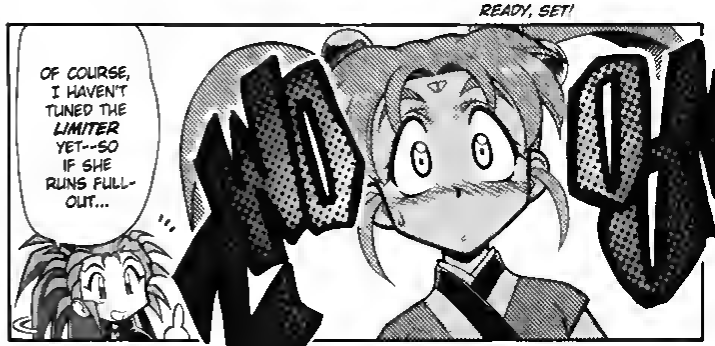

RYO-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?!
SHE'S FINE. ♡ JUST FINE, SASAMI.

JUST THINK OF THIS DEVICE AS A SUB-CEREBELLUM-- A WAY TO UPGRADE RYO-OH-KI'S HARDWARE.
uh-huh
UM. ARE YOU SURE?
WASHU NEVER LIE! HEAP BIG TRUTH TELLER IS SHE!


TRUST ME-- EVEN A NEWBORN INFANT COULD STAND UP WITH THIS.
WOW.
BEEEP!
WHOOSH
ECHOSH

EVEN AN OLD MAN ON HIS DEATHBED COULD TAKE OFF AT TURBO SPEED!
FOR REAL?
Shpood


AH, MY GENIUS IS SO NOBLE! ♡
Bip Bip!


READY, SET!
OF COURSE, I HAVEN'T TUNED THE LIMITER YET--SO IF SHE RUNS FULL-OUT...
VROOM

MREOW
MREOW
MREOW
MREOW
MREOW
MREOW
MREOW
MREOW!!
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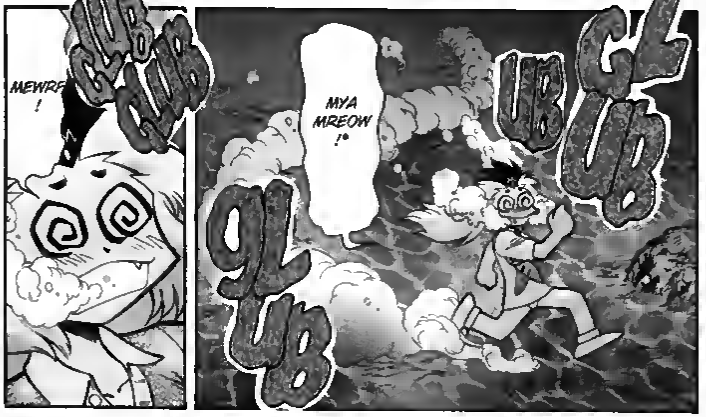
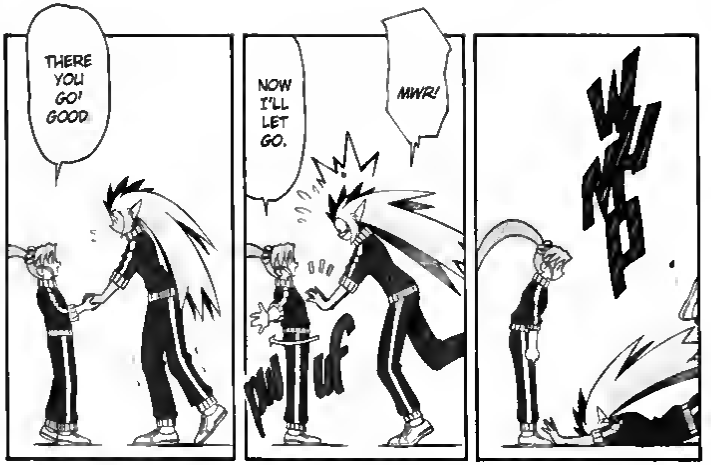
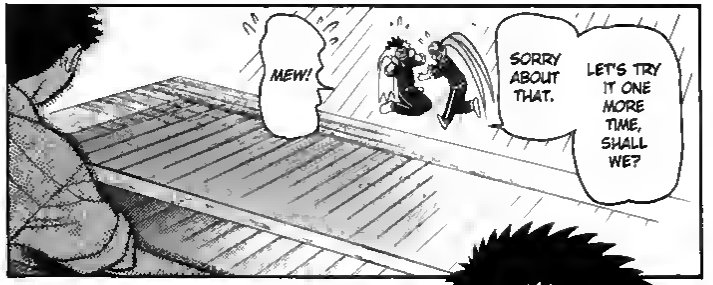
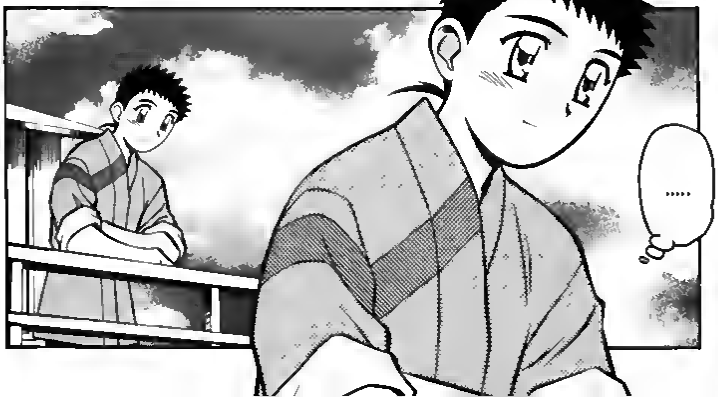


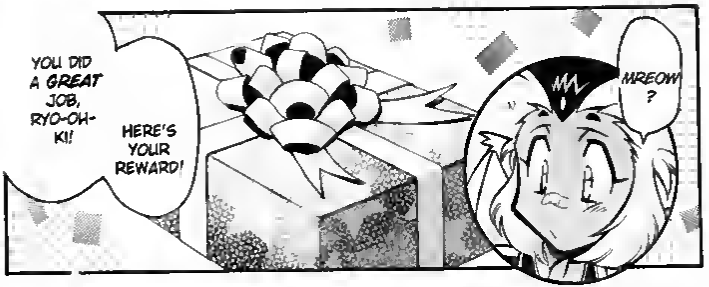
*SOMEONE HELP ME!

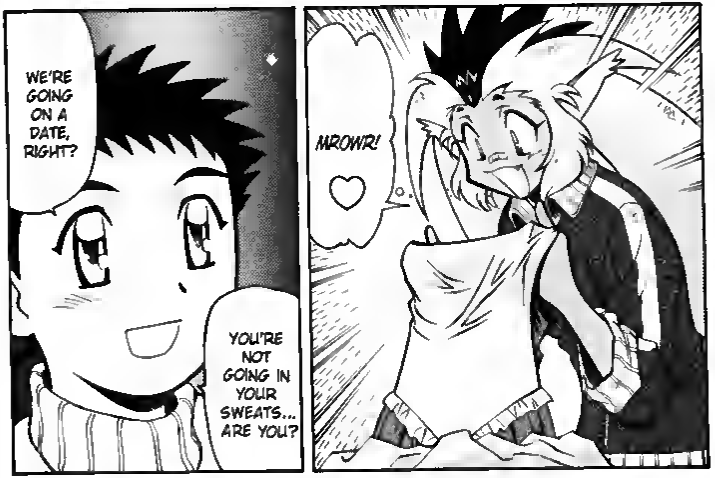


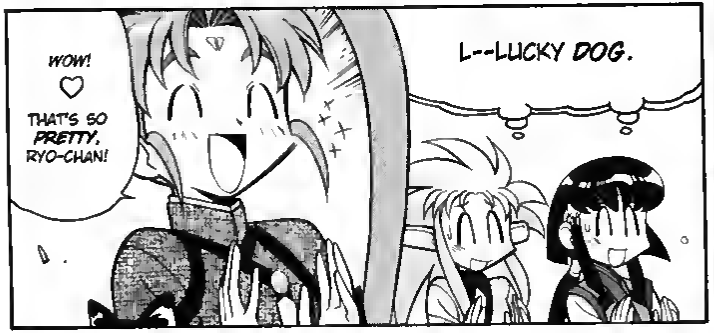




A FEW DAYS PASS, AND...
OKAY, EVERY-ONE! CHECK IT OUT!
GATHER ROUND! WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU THE FRUITS OF RYO-CHAN'S TRAINING!
GOOD LUCK, RYO-OH-KI!
YOU KNOW, SHE'D WALK JUST FINE IF SHE'D USED MY MECHA.
WOW, THAT'S A NEAT ONE!
OH, NO.
YOU CAN DO IT, RYO-CHAN. .
WOW! YOU DID IT!
OOH, NOT BAD AT ALL.
MROWR!


YOU DID A GREAT JOB, RYO-OH-KI!
HERE'S YOUR REWARD!
MREOW?


WE'RE GOING ON A DATE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING IN YOUR SWEATS... ARE YOU?
MROWR!


WOW!
THAT'S SO PRETTY, RYO-CHAN!
L--LUCKY DOG.

MREOW
MROWR?
MEW MEW!
SWING
LOOK AT HER--SO EXCITED. DON'T TRIP AND RIP IT.
HAVE A REAL NICE TIME, RYO-CHAN!
TENCHI, PROMISE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, WILL YOU?
OF COURSE! OKAY-- WE'RE OFF.
MREOW!

Who loves Tenchi the most? But more importantly, who does Tenchi love the most?

These two questions have nagged fans ever since our much loved hero debuted in his first anime adventure over ten years ago.

Will the winsome but slightly clueless, teenager end up with the rough and-tumble space pirate, Ryoko? Or would he be happier with Ayeka, the prim and-proper princess from planet Jurai?

And what about Mihoshi, the klutzy (but beautiful) Galaxy Police officer? She's got a crush on him, as well So do Sasami and Ryo-oh-ki Heck, we suspect that good ol' Washu loves the kid, too.

Clearly the romantic entanglements in the **Tenchi Muyô!** universe can get pretty knotty

And to complicate matters even further the whole gang lives under the same roof ... with little or no parental supervision Without a doubt, Tenchi Masaki is a very lucky boy

This concept has clearly connected in a big way with fans worldwide Over the years, there's been numerous **Tenchi Muyo!** sequels and alternative universe story-lines. There's been TV shows, big movie productions, straight to-video adventures, spin-offs, video and role-playing games, CDs and racks of merchandise

Alien Nation is the first volume of yet another re-launching of the long running **Tenchi** franchise Readers will be pleased to see all their favorite characters vying for the spotlight once again Sasami is still cooking gourmet meals, Brainy Washu continues to fiddle around in her secret laboratory and the star sys tem remains safe (somehow) because of Mihoshi's vigilance

And, of course, Ryoko and Ayeka are still hanging around, too Who does Tenchi love the most? **Alien Nation** doesn t answer that question But that's OK. After all these years, fans won't be disappointed. **Tenchi Forever** is more than the title of a movie from 1999 It's an undying pledge heard around the world

Eric Searleman

Editor of **The All New Tenchi Muyô!**

THE END... FOR NOW!

WHAT? WHY? HOW COME?
♪ IT'S A quick release!
by Kuch TheKitty

No pain,
no gain.
No sac-
rifice,
no glory.